

## Education programme in Speech and Language Therapy (SLT) at the University of Oulu, Finland

The University of Oulu is an international research and innovation university engaged in multidisciplinary basic research and academic education. The University of Oulu is one of the largest universities in Finland with an exceptionally wide academic base.

At the University of Oulu logopedics is a multidisciplinary science in the Faculty of Humanities with strong links to behavioural sciences. Main research areas in logopedics at the University of Oulu are related to 1) child language acquisition, 2) neural basis of language acquisition and language deficits, 3) auditory processing and language development in individuals born very premature, and with Autism spectrum syndromes, 4) speech perception and communication of persons with hearing impairments, or 5) neurological or neurocognitive impairments.

The academic prerequisite to enter SLT programme is Baccalaureat/A-level. In addition, a written and oral entrance exam has to be passed to be able to begin the studies in the programme. The students are accepted directly on to the SLT programme and graduate with a Master's degree. The annual intake is 30. The Bologna process has been implemented since 2005. Both the first and second cycle studies and 300 ECTS are required to obtain M.A. degree. After obtaining the M.A. degree the graduate becomes accredited to work as an SLT. Logopedics is taught as a major subject at the University of Oulu and thus provides postgraduate research training. After M.A. degree it is possible to continue with PhD studies.

**For more information:** University of Oulu, Faculty of Humanities, Logopedics  
<http://www.oulu.fi/hutk/logopedia/en/>