

What exactly will I do at Manapo Hospital as a Speech Therapist?

- Feeding in Baby Intensive care unit
- Early communication
- Voice therapy
- Language therapy
- Neuro-communication therapy (adults and children)
- Swallowing therapy
- Hearing Screening (testing done by Audiologist)

Who will I be working with?

- Paediatricians
- Occupational Therapists
- Physiotherapists
- Dieticians
- Nurses
- Psychologists
- You will go on outreaches (so there is even travelling to be done at Manapo!)
- Radiologists and Radiographers (for swallowing examinations)
- Teachers and Parents (when you give the children and families homework)



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A guide to what we offer, to Speech Therapy and Audiology as a career, and how to can join us!

What does this mean for me?

It means that you can also be a health care practitioner, working with babies, children and adults, as well as their families, to make a difference in how they communicate every day. You can get creative by making fun activities with the parents if language delayed children, and you can have test hearing and fit hearing aids (which come in LOTS of different colours and types). Most of all, you become a friend to a family!

How do I become a Speech Therapist or Audiologist?

You have to obtain university exemption at school level, preferable taking Mathematics, Biology and Physics as subjects. Taking an extra language will also help! After that, you complete a four year course at University level to become either a Speech Therapist or Audiologist. After your degree, you will need to do a Community Service year before you can become registered with the Council that oversees Speech Therapists and Audiologists, the HPCSA. And you can do that at Manapo Hospital! We have all the equipment needed, and more than enough patients. So if you're up for a challenge, you've found the right place.

What is Speech Therapy and Audiology?

- **Speech-language pathologists (SLPs)**, sometimes informally referred to as **speech therapists**, specialize in the evaluation and treatment of communication disorders and swallowing disorders.
- The components of speech production include and the components of language fall under SLP treatment. We therefore treat babies (early intervention); school age children and adults (for example, after a stroke). We also treat swallowing difficulties in children with Cerebral palsy, adults who have has a stroke, and people with breathing tubes(called tracheostomy tubes). We also help with feeding in premature babies and help with feeding and communication with babies with a cleft lip and palate.
- **Audiology** studies hearing, balance, and related disorders. Those who treat hearing loss and proactively prevent damage are audiologists. Employing various testing strategies (e.g. hearing tests, otoacoustic emission measurements) audiology aims to determine whether someone can hear and if not, which portions of hearing are affected.

Introduction

A warm welcome to Manapo Hospital! This pamphlet was compiled by the Speech Therapy department (yes, Speech Therapists do more than just teach people to speak!) to orientate you to what we do at the hospital, and more specifically, what we do at Speech Therapy and Audiology.

What we Offer:

- Surgery
- Obstetrics and gynaecology
- Orthopaedics
- Paediatrics
- Internal medicine
- Critical care
- Renal care

Out Patient Services:

- Out patients
- Medicals
- Surgical
- Orthopaedics
- Ante natal
- Paediatrics
- Optometry
- Rehabilitation-including Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy

Outreach Services

- Dermatology service
- Orthopaedic Services
- Human genetics
- Maxillae facial services
- Urology services
- Leprosy

List Of Satellite Services And Type Of Service:

- Dihlabeng regional hospital
- Oncology clinic
- National District Hospital
- Oncology