We look forward to welcoming you to our Speech Pathology team.

Please wear your uniform and name badge and bring your signed documentation (emergency contact details, confidentiality agreement). Please come to the Community Rehab Building (Allied Health Offices) on Vermont St, see map in orientation package, at 8.30am.

**Paediatric Speech Pathology placement**

Community Health Speech Pathology is a service for children from zero to school entry and anyone can refer into the program. All areas of Speech Pathology are encountered including, assessment and management of speech, language, fluency, voice, paediatric feeding, pre-literacy skills and social language difficulties. Collaboration with, and referral between services in the community is also a common occurrence within this program.

Service delivery occurs largely within the clinic setting, both one-on-one and in small groups. Home visits for feeding assessments also occasionally occur. Additionally, outreach services to some local preschools and partnership programs with other community services also occur.

**Suggested reading prior to placement**

Prior to placement students are encouraged to:

- Have a detailed knowledge of norms for speech and language development
- Research target selection for speech sound therapy
- Have a basic understanding of lessons plans and progress note writing
Adult Speech Pathology placement

**Community Rehabilitation program (CRC) (Tues & Wed)**

CRC is a multidisciplinary team program for goal directed, community rehabilitation for adult clients (only very rare cases of paediatrics).

[Click here to see the CRC brochure](#)

We work closely with other disciplines towards supporting the client in achieving their goals.

Caseload: CVA, progressive neurological disorders (eg Parkinson's disease & MS), ABI and voice disorders. Casework may include dysphagia, dysarthria, aphasia, dyspraxia, fluency, voice disorders and/or AAC.

Setting: we see people in the clinic or in their homes locally.

Approach: We work predominately 1:1 with clients on impairment based and functional goals. Occasional group work and community education is provided.

**Rural Allied Health Team. (RAHT)**

RAHT is a HACC funded service, incorporating a multidisciplinary approach for clients who are aged or with a disability to support them to be as independent in their homes and community as possible.

[Click here to see the RAHT brochure](#)

Caseload: CVA, progressive neurological disorders (eg Parkinson's disease, MS, dementia), ABI, intellectual disability and voice disorders. Casework may include dysphagia, dysarthria, aphasia, dyspraxia, fluency, voice disorders and/or AAC.

Setting: people in the community throughout the region (so some travel will be involved). Home visits and community group work.

Approach: Work 1:1 and in group settings. Impairment based and functional approaches as appropriate. Community education is an important aspect of this role.

**Suggested reading prior to placement**

Assessment and management of dysarthria, aphasia, dyspraxia and cognitive impairment. Have an understanding of a cranial nerve assessment/oromotor assessment. Reading up on supported communication and cueing for clients with aphasia / dysarthria would be beneficial.