

Healthcare Science Career of the Week



Speech & Language Therapist

Area of HCS: Allied health professions

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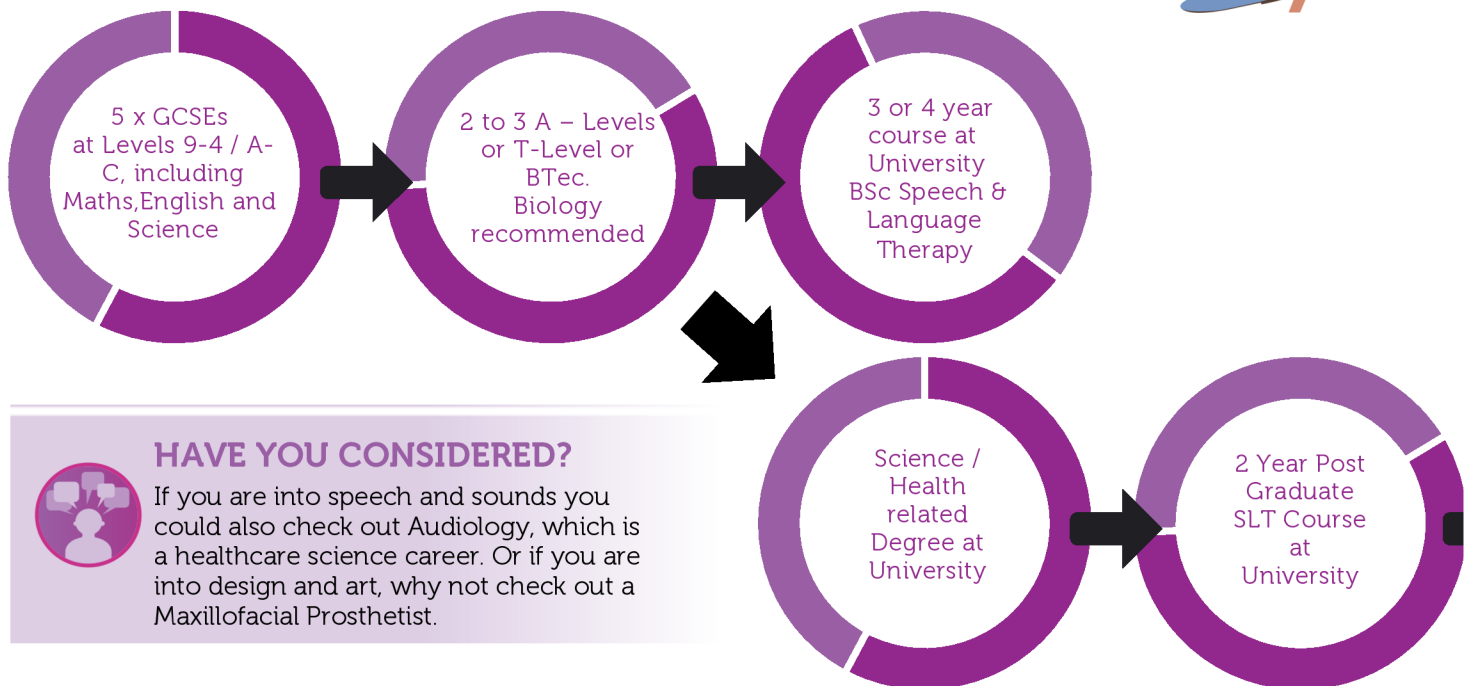
The Hyoid bone at the top of the neck, just above the trachea, helps us move our tongue and is not connected to any other bones in the body.

This is one seriously cool career that uses so many areas of science and physiology. You see, SLT involves knowing about muscles in the head and throat, biomechanics, hearing, how the brain interprets words. Working all over the hospital, from stroke wards to outpatients, they also work directly with patients in their own homes or nursing homes.

Problems with swallowing or communication due to a stroke or Parkinson's disease for example as two of the main issues patients require help with. In the UK one of the biggest issues for this career over the last few decades has been working with ethnic minorities. Nowadays speech therapists are trying to work in their patient's native language and even use computer software to help communicate.



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