



Speech and language therapy apprenticeships: what employers need to know
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The apprentice will only be able to work in the field they are employed in

No - if they are employed in an adult only trust, they will have to qualify as a generalist who could work with any client group in line with RCSLT guidelines

The apprentice will not be qualified to the same standard as a student qualifying from a traditional undergraduate degree route?

No - it is a degree level route and they could be qualified at level 6 or level 7 (masters degree level)

The apprentice will be bound to remain with their employer following completion of the route

No - they won't however; the employer may wish to develop a contractual agreement with the apprentice relating to this

The apprentice will be supernumerary

No - they will be employed by the organisation they have been recruited to and only at times will they be supernumerary

The apprenticeship route is available all over the UK

No - the standard has just been approved for delivery in England at the moment (this has been explored further in the Q&A part of this webinar)

The full curriculum will be delivered whilst the student is in university

No - they are only in university 20% of the time. A lot of the learning takes place on the job and will be facilitated by employers and colleagues