



Health Education England

Pre-registration eating, drinking, and swallowing competencies sign-off sheet

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Guidance on completion

This document is intended to be a record of sign-off of the RCSLT competencies in eating, drinking and swallowing for the pre-registration education and training of speech and language therapists.

For learners

Learners should share this document with their practice educators during practice placements and with their HEI tutor over the course of their studies.

For signatory

For the purpose of this document, 'signatory' refers to a practice educator or HEI tutor responsible for a learner's competency sign-off.

Please ensure practice educators and HEI tutors complete the signature key on page 8.

Please refer to the following document for guidance on completion:

[*RCSLT competencies in eating, drinking, and swallowing for the pre-registration education and training of speech and language therapists*](#)

Pre-registration eating, drinking and swallowing competencies

EDS competency: Speech and language therapy learner is able to...	Developing		Achieved	
	Signature	Date	Signature	Date
1. Discuss the importance of EDS and the service user's goals with the service user/ family/carer				
2. Apply health and safety procedures related to working with service users who are at risk of, or who present with, EDS difficulties				
3. Identify information required from case history and referral information that will guide the service user/family/carer interviews				
4. Obtain detailed background information from case notes relevant to EDS				
5. Carry out oral facial (sensory and motor) examinations				

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on population without EDS difficulties				
6. Recognise the positive and negative impacts of modifying aspects of the EDS process				
7. Describe the indications for and against non-oral supplementation of nutrition and/or hydration				
8. Recognise the signs and symptoms of oropharyngeal and oesophageal dysphagia to inform diagnostic hypotheses				
9. Discuss service user/family/carer perspective when taking detailed case histories relevant to EDS				
10. Evaluate oral, facial, and swallowing functioning of service users at risk of EDS difficulties				

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11. Formulate hypotheses and outline possible intervention options for discussion with the practice educator				
12. Apply knowledge of evidence-based rehabilitation and compensatory techniques to develop person-centred intervention plans				
13. Explain management programmes to service users/ families/carers and relevant team members				
14. Use appropriate assessments to observe, record and evaluate EDS patterns, including trials of proposed intervention(s)				
15. Synthesise information on psychological, social				

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and biomechanical factors with assessment findings to formulate diagnoses				
16. Synthesise information on psychological, social and biomechanical factors with assessment findings to develop person-centred intervention plans				
17. Identify specific person-centred outcomes to support review scheduling				
18. Identify specific person-centred outcomes to identify appropriate discharge points				
19. Discuss the ethical issues associated with EDS for service users/ family/carers				

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20. Identify situations associated with EDS issues that require the initiation of safeguarding discussions				

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