Your Speech and Language Therapy interview day will combine an individual interview and scenario questions and a course presentation plus optional activities such as Campus and Accommodation tours. The day is designed not only to assess your suitability for the course but also to help you make the right decision about university. On the following pages you’ll find lots of useful information and advice to enable you to prepare for your day to help make the experience as useful and positive as it can be.
YOUR SELECTION EVENT

University interviews are often a new experience for applicants and we want to ensure that anyone applying to De Montfort University (DMU) is given the most useful information to make the experience an enjoyable one.

WHY DO WE INTERVIEW?

Our interview days are designed not only for us to assess your suitability for the course, but also to make sure you are choosing the right course for you. Universities interview in particular for courses where a specific skill set is required, or where the course leads to a particular profession.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON THE DAY?

The day will include a mixture of selection events comprising Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI’s). The itinerary also includes a course presentation and there’ll be opportunity to go on a Campus and Accommodation tour. On the day you'll also be able to speak to staff and current students about the range of facilities and support available at DMU.

See your itinerary and dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays for further information and help to plan your day.

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DAY?

Academic and professional members of staff, service users and current students may be involved in the selection event.

HOW LONG WILL THE INTERVIEW LAST?

Your individual interview will last 30 minutes. This will also include asking you to respond to some scenario based questions.

CAN I BRING SOMEONE WITH ME?

You are welcome to bring a guest with you to your Interview Day and they'll be able to come along to any of the activities that do not form part of the selection process. Where it is not possible for your guest to stay with you (i.e. during the interview) there will be plenty of places they will be able to wait.
WHAT TO EXPECT...

HOW CAN I PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW?

- Think about some basic questions that may be asked at the beginning of an interview and how you might answer them. For example, tutors may ask why you have chosen Speech and Language Therapy and why you want to study it at DMU.

- Read widely around the subjects of Speech and Language Therapy including newspaper articles, websites, journals, magazines and any other publications that are relevant for your course.

- Take a critical view of ideas and arguments that you encounter at school/college and in the media. Try to think about arguments from different angles and practise giving more than one opinion in a debate.

As Speech and Language Therapy is not a course taught at school or college, you need to be able to demonstrate that you understand what the course/career entails, however, you will not be expected to have detailed understanding of technical topics. The discussions will give you the opportunity to demonstrate the skills needed by a Speech and Language Therapy undergraduate. Some of these skills might be:

- The ability to use information to construct your own opinion

- The willingness and ability to analyse

- Problem solving skills

- Good communication and interpersonal skills

Aside from course specific preparation you may also wish to:

- Organise a practice interview for yourself: Ideally the person interviewing you will be a teacher/careers adviser. If this is not possible it is usually better to use someone who isn’t a close friend or family member as this will help you to gain experience talking about yourself and your work in an unfamiliar environment.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I AM RUNNING LATE ON THE DAY?

We know that delays are sometimes unavoidable so if you are running late on the day, please contact us as soon as you are able to and let us know your estimated arrival time. If necessary, we can tell you any alternate arrangements for your interview e.g. change of registration location. In some instances, if you expect to be significantly late, we may be able to offer an alternative date. However, due to limited dates and popularity of the course this may not always be possible.

WHEN WILL I HEAR IF I HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

We aim to make decisions as soon as possible after the interview. In most cases these are communicated to you via letter and an update on UCAS Track within a week of you attending the event. We will also be in touch if we are unable to make a decision straight away.
DON'T FORGET...

- To dress suitably for a professional interview
- To bring along your invite to interview, itinerary and additional documents
- To make sure you have planned your journey in advance – see our website (dmu.ac.uk/applicantinterviewdays) for travel information
- To have read our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions (dmu.ac.uk/salt)

YOU MAY BE ASKED...

- Why have you chosen Speech and Language Therapy?
- Why have you chosen DMU?
- What do you hope to do when you graduate?
- How do you feel your current skills and experiences have helped you to prepare for university study?

Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident.

DURING THE INTERVIEW

- Make eye contact and smile
- Listen and consider your replies try to ensure that you are not just giving yes/no answers
- If you don't understand a question, don't guess, politely ask the interviewer to rephrase or clarify
- Be enthusiastic – admissions tutors will be looking for applicants who share their enthusiasm for the subject

INTERVIEW CHECKLIST

You will need to bring

- **Originals** and **photocopies** of all educational certificates and other professional/employment certificates including GCSE certificates
- One form of identification (For example; Driving Licence, Birth Certificate, Passport - original and a photocopy)
- Declaration Form 1a (please refer to your invitation to interview)
- Occupational Health Form (this will have be emailed with your invitation)

It is important that you bring all of the above information with you to the interview as it will need to be reviewed on the day.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR INTERVIEW EVENT PLEASE CONTACT THE HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES ADMISSIONS TEAM:

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