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SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY BSc (HONS)

INTERVIEW ADVICE





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Your Speech and Language Therapy Interview will assess your suitability for the course, but also to help to you make the right decision about university. We are proud the course is approved by the Royal College of Speech and Language Therapists, meaning graduates are eligible to apply for registration with the Health and Care Professions Council. We look forward to giving you a deeper insight into the course during your Interview.

On the following pages you will find lots of useful information and advice to enable you to prepare for your interview to help make the experience as useful and positive as it can be.

YOUR INTERVIEW

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 Interviews 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?

You will receive information ahead of your interview on how to connect with us on MS Teams, and will then be supported through the process by our academics. The interview will consist of a set of interview questions that will assess your attitudes, beliefs and values, as well as provide you with an opportunity to demonstrate your interest and commitment to the course. The interview will take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE DAY?

You will be interviewed by a member of academic staff. Your Interview will include traditional interview questions and a scenario question and you will have the opportunity to ask about aspects of the course and the university. You can also request a call back from a current student on the course who will be happy to answer questions and to chat about what's it like to be a student at DMU and on the Speech and Language Therapy programme.

VISIT US TO FIND OUT MORE

To find out more about the course, speak to our academic staff and current students and take a virtual tour of campus, or join one of our digital Open Days at dmu.ac.uk/opendays

WHAT CAN I DO TO PREPARE FOR THE INTERVIEW?

- Before your interview you will be emailed a Microsoft Teams interview invitation. Please accept this and make note of the date and time.
- We advise that you familiarise yourself with Microsoft Teams before your interview to avoid any last minute panics on the day
- 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

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 a detailed understanding of technical topics.

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.
- Review your personal statement. Think about how you might expand on what you have written if asked to discuss in more detail

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 on +44 (0)116 207 8443 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 within a week if we are unable to make a decision straight away.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND ADVICE

For lots more information and advice about the interview, including help to prepare for the interview go to dmu.ac.uk/interviews





DON'T FORGET...

- To conduct yourself professionally and adhere to a smart dress code
- To ensure that your laptop/computer and phone are fully charged and you have access to a power supply
- To make sure you have tested your equipment to make sure it works and that you have a quiet space for your Microsoft Teams interview to take place
- To have a read of our course pages to help you prepare for and anticipate interview questions.

DURING THE INTERVIEW

- Remember that you have been invited to the interview as you have already shown potential so try to relax, smile and be confident
- Listen and consider your responses, 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

- One form of photo identification (for example; Driving Licence, Passport – original and a photocopy)
- Have a pen and paper with you

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT

We endeavour to make all our events completely accessible. However, if you have any specific requirements or require additional facilities, please inform the Events and Conversion Team via email interviews@dmu.ac.uk or call **+44 (0)116 207 8443**

**For further information about your interview event,
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