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## **Role Description – Speech Pathologist**

Job Title:	Speech Pathologist			
Business Type:	Paediatric Allied Health Private Practice			
Location:	Adelaide: Northern metropolitan suburbs with a view to expansion			
HR Contact	Crystal Tonzing			
Position Type	Full-time, Part-time or Contract			
Salary arrangement	FULL TIME or PART-TIME: remuneration based on level of experience (equivalent to AHP1 and AHP2 pay scales)			
	CONTACT: Remuneration 60% of face-to-face fees and 85% of travel fees			
Reporting, working relationships	To the Director of My Speech. The position provides professional, clinical support to children with special needs			
My Speech is a paediatric, speech pathology practice providing high quality therapeutic services to families across the northern suburbs of Adelaide. The vision for My Speech as a service provider involves expansion across a broader expanse of the Adelaide metropolitan area.				
Employment overview	<ul> <li>Successful applicants will be employed to My Speech. Remuneration will be based on level of experience.</li> <li>My Speech will provide clients to the successful applicant</li> <li>Successful applicants will have the flexibility to negotiate days and times of work based on personal needs and client requirements</li> <li>My Speech is both a clinic and mobile practice therefore consultations may be at a My Speech clinic or within family homes, child care, Department for Education or Catholic Education facilities.</li> </ul>			
Special conditions	Successful applicants will need to provide or apply for:  Department of Human Services Working with Children Check (WWCC) Response to Abuse and Neglect (RAN) certification Clearance from the Office of Catholic Education Evidence of membership of Speech Pathology Australia Evidence of holding a current C class SA driver's licence Evidence of ownership of a reliable personal vehicle.			

## Job Purpose: Successful applicants will:

- Arrange Service Agreement and negotiate the details of service delivery (ie. dates/times, location frequency and duration)
- Provide high quality assessment and therapeutic speech pathology programming and intervention
- Provide written programming and recommendations for resources (where required)
- Liaise with education staff and provide information relevant to support a client's linguistic and other support needs (as required)
- Review client progress and provide written reports in a timely fashion (ie. NDIS reviews)

- Evaluate, trial and provide low and high technology communication options as required.
- Maintain appropriate written clinical documentation and records
- Provide financial claims information to the Administration Officer in a timely fashion

#### Minimum Skills/qualifications:

- Bachelor or Master's degree in Speech Pathology
- A minimum 2 years of paediatric clinical experience or demonstrated competence in speech pathology services especially with children on the Autism Spectrum
- Ongoing CPSP status
- Willingness to gain registration as a Medicare Provider via Department of Health
- A proven ability to work independently

## Statement of Key Responsibilities/ Duties

- Provide appropriate skilled speech pathology assessment and interventions across a range of clinical and educational settings.
- Provide clinical and compassionate speech pathology services of a more complex nature and exercise independent professional judgement when required in solving problems and managing cases.
- Coordinate the trial, purchase and implementation of Assistive Technology for children with complex communication needs.
- Exercise advanced time-management and task prioritising skills
- Work collaboratively with external service providers (eg. preschools, schools, other allied health therapists) to ensure client focused approach to care.
- Work with children and families through the NDIS process.
- Recommend and coordinate the purchase and/or development of therapy resources and other educational material suitable for clients and their families.

### **Organisational requirements**

- Provide financial claim details to My Speech administration at the end of each working day using the My Speech Daily Service Record
- Support the ongoing evolution of business practices and client support through formal and informal feedback processes
- Maintain a high standard of knowledge by participation in relevant Professional Development activities to meet own and service needs
- Actively participate in My Speech team meetings

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# **Person Specifications**

## Educational/Vocational Qualifications - Essential

- Bachelor or Master's Degree in Speech Pathology
- Registration with Speech Pathology Australia
- Membership in in Speech Pathology Australia (MSPA) and participation in the Practising Speech Pathologist program

#### Experience – Desirable (please provide details in your resume)

- A minimum of 2 years clinical, speech therapy experience
- Formal training in any of the Hanen programs including; It Takes Two to Talk, More Than Words, Talkability, Learning Language and Loving It.
- Demonstrated practice in the provision of any of the above Hanen Parent Training programs or utilisation of the principles and strategies within direct therapy programming

#### **Knowledge** Sound knowledge of:

- the characteristics and behaviours of individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorder
- the Speech Pathology Code of Conduct
- Evidence-based practices (EBP)

Knowledge or experience in any or all of the following:

- · principles and practical application of
  - o low and high technology augmentative and alternative communication (AAC)
  - o articulation and phonology based speech programs
  - o supportive communication programs including Cued Articulation and Key Word Signing.

## **Key Criteria**

In your application please provide responses (including genuine examples) to the following criteria (max response 1500 words)

#### Demonstrated:

- ability to work independently
- self-motivating and independent qualities
- ability to work flexibly with challenging clients
- ability to utilise a broad range of resources to ensure ongoing engagement of clients
- ability to work effectively and compassionately with, and for complex families
- ability to provide effective speech and language therapy based on clear clinical reasoning
- understanding of the motivations and complexities of individuals with ASD
- ability to provide clear, professional advice to other allied health, education and caring staff
- time management, problem solving and organisational skills
- ability to utilise effective written and verbal communication skills
- commitment to ongoing professional development and quality improvement activities