Are you a health, education, or social care professional? Or someone who is interested in childhood communication impairments?

Do you want to learn how you can engage, support, educate, and help children with Speech, Language, and Communication Needs (S.L.C.N.) in the clinic, classroom, and community?

Do you want to learn how to facilitate the child with S.L.C.N. to participate in these contexts, and realise their full communication potential?

With our interdisciplinary MSc Childhood S.L.C.N., which combines on-line and face-to-face learning, you can continue your professional education and training in the principles and practice of working with children with S.L.C.N.

Course Facts

Course level: NQF Level 9
Duration: 1 year full time, 2 years part time
Entry Requirements:
Primary degree with at least second class honours OR an equivalent qualification.
Where students are conducting research with children, Garda vetting will be required.

Places available: 20

Fees: €7,000 (full time EU) and €13,750 (full time non-EU)

Applying: Applications are made online via The Postgraduate Application Centre. www.pac.ie/nuigalway

PAC codes: GYM78 (full time), GYM79 (part time)

Closing date: Details can be found on www.nuigalway.ie/courses/taught-postgraduate-courses/childhood-speech-language-communication-needs.html

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MSc Childhood Speech, Language, and Communication Needs

Why study this programme?
The aim of this MSc in Childhood Speech, Language, and Communication Needs is to provide a critical and conceptually sophisticated understanding of children with S.L.C.N. and the contexts of their lives.

This programme has been designed to meet the needs of busy practitioners who wish to keep up-to-date with the emerging evidence base when working with children with S.L.C.N. in the clinic, classroom, and community.

Our flexible blended learning approach, combines face-to-face workshops (e.g. approximately 2 days per module) and on-line learning to support you as a busy practitioner with many competing demands on your time.

Course activities and skills training enable you to apply new knowledge and skills directly in the clinic, classroom, and community. This MSc is not a professional qualification in Speech and Language therapy.

Programme outline
The programme is comprised of 5 core modules (compulsory) plus a minor dissertation. The core modules are:
- Advanced Research Methods
- Narratives in Childhood
- Using Evidence to Inform Practice
- Cultural, Linguistic, & Social Diversity in Health & Education
- Supporting Children with S.L.C.N.
- Dissertation (thesis) (year long)

The interdisciplinary and blended learning environment will provide opportunities for you, the busy professional to reflect on your current practice and embed your new knowledge and skills in the clinic, classroom, and community.