

A Guide to Clinical Placements in Speech and Language Therapy

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“This excellent book should be subtitled ‘everything you want to know about placements but never dared ask’. Based on interviews with 44 final-year students, it provides an overview of speech and language therapy education and addresses transferable skills essential for clinical learning. The following nine chapters focus on client groups across paediatric and adult caseloads. Each chapter starts with a short theory section and then outlines the caseload, assessments and intervention the students carried out, with sections on emotional impact, including the anxieties of working with clients, families, carers, etc.

The book’s strength comes from the quotes from the students themselves as they discuss and reflect on their placement experience, how their skills have developed over time and their honesty about the emotional impact and anxieties. Other highlights are the highly practical top tips at the end of each chapter. This book will be a must-have for all higher education institutions and will be a very useful resource for students in demystifying placements when they feel they are going into the unknown.”