Use of Languages

Principal working language: spanish (spa)
Some groups entirely in English: No
Some groups entirely in Catalan: Yes
Some groups entirely in Spanish: Yes

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Prerequisites

There are no prerequisites. It is convenient for the student to have general knowledge of anatomy and physiology of the organs that make up the auditory system, the phonatory and nervous system. This will facilitate comprehension of hypoacusia and the voice disorders that may appear in many pathological situations.

Objectives and Contextualisation

Disorders that affect the nose, mouth, pharynx, larynx and ear, are usually accompanied by communication disorders. Doctors and in particular ENTs are often the first to be consulted when language is slow to appear, when it is difficult to understand or when there is any other alteration in the voice.

Once the ENT specialist and / or Phoniatrist has established the diagnosis and, if applicable, medical-surgical techniques have been applied to solve the specific problem, it is usually necessary for the Speech Therapist to intervene. Speech therapists apply evaluation techniques and interventions that allow as much recovery as possible of the altered functions of hearing, voice, language and speech in order to achieve their normal capacity for communication and facilitation of their social integration.

With the content of the course it is intended that the students acquire precise knowledge of the clinical anatomy and physiopathology, as well the clinical and diagnostic methods of the hearing apparatus, and
phonation and swallowing systems. This will help them to be able to intervene in their disorders, developing speech therapy functions according to the patients' individual needs, as well as to be able to advise the family if necessary.

Competences

- Act appropriately with respect to the professions ethical code: respect professional confidentiality, apply professional criteria in the completion and referral of treatment.
- Critically evaluate the techniques and instruments of evaluation and diagnosis in speech therapy, as well as its procedures of intervention.
- Demonstrate an understanding of disorders in communication, language, speech, hearing, voice and non-verbal oral functions.
- Demonstrate an understanding of how the profession works, and the legal status of the speech therapist.
- Identify, analyze and solve ethical problems in complex situations.
- Working in intra- and interdisciplinary teams.

Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate knowledge of the legal status of speech therapists in the health system.
2. Describe the main disorders of speech, voice, hearing and deglutition.
3. Explain the basics of exploring and examining the phonetic apparatus (larynx, pharynx, mouth, nostrils) and the auditory system
4. Identify situations requiring referral to other professionals.
5. Identify, analyze and solve ethical problems in complex situations.
6. Respect confidentiality in clinical practice.
7. Working in intra- and interdisciplinary teams.

Content

BLOCK I: AUDITIVE PATHOLOGY

Pathophysiology of hearing. Hipoacusia: definition. Classification (topographic, etiological, according to age of appearance, depending on severity). Pathophysiology of the external ear, the middle ear, the inner ear. Disorders of the central auditory process. Hearing impairment.


BLOCK II: PATHOLOGY OF THE VOICE, OF SPEECH AND SWALLOWING

Clinical evaluation of the patient with voice disorders. Concept of normal voice. Levels of voice usage.


Functional alterations of nasal graves, pharynx, oral cavity and respiratory system.

Congenital malformations of the oral cavity.

Exploration of the voice. Clinical exploration of the larynx: inspection and palpation, indirect laryngoscopy, directly, endoscopy, laryngeal photography and radiology.

Aerodynamic study of the vocal and laryngeal function. Phonation time, phonogram. Stroboscopy Odeogram,
Spectrograph. Sonogram Electroglotogram Reverse filtering Registration Advantages of spectrography versus acoustic analysis. Larynge electromyography

Physiology of speech articulation. Exploration of speech

Infantile dysphonia Characteristics of the voice and the child larynx. Etiology, clinical and diagnostic.

**Methodology**

**Theoretical sessions**

Exposition of theoretical themes with iconographic material, stimulating the discussion of the subject.

**Hospital practices**

The clinical rotation will be carried out on the outpatient clinics of Otolaryngology on the 1st floor attached to the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital. Students will be integrated into a healthcare team in the outpatient clinics. They will observe how a clinical history is taken, and how anatomical and functional exploration of the hearing is performed, so that the student understands the importance of clinical history and exploration in the diagnostic process. During the practices, in addition to the medical problems, the social and ethical problems of the clinical decisions will be discussed.

Students will be divided into 12 groups. Each group will attend 2 days, previously assigned, at the hospital (from 9h to 15h). Changes must be avoided. Clinical practices are mandatory. The active participation of the students will be encouraged at all times through questions, opinions and personal contributions about the acquired knowledge of each subject as well as the bibliographic research.

**Presentation of clinical cases**

Completion of a practical work on clinical cases proposed by the teacher of the practices. A bibliographical revision will be made on the subject and given to the professor, in the terms he establishes at the Vall d'Hebron University Hospital.

**Activities**

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Assessment

Theoretical content:

Two multiple-choice tests, questions with 5 options, with only one correct. The exams will include at least two questions by topic, although this number can be increased depending on the theoretical content and the relevance of these at the time of consolidating the theoretical bases of the subject. Not-anwered questions penalize. There’s also a penalty for guessing, three wrong answers erase one good answer. Only one option is correct. THE MINIMUM GRADE TO PASS THE COURSE IS 5 ON EACH TEST: AVERAGE WILL NOT BE DONE WITH A GRADE OF LESS THAN 5 ON EACH OF THE TESTS.

Each exam represents 30% of the final grade of the course.

Hospital practices: Attendance and student participation and involvement will be assessed; presentation and clinical case oral exposition will count for 30% of the final grade.

the attendance to all the practices will be mandatory; they count for a 10% of the final grade.

Final grade:

The final grade will be the result of the following formula: Theoretical content is equivalent to 60% + Clinical case represents 30% of the final grade + Attendance to the practices is equivalent to 10% of the final grade.

Assessable student: when the student delivers evidence of learning with a weight of at least 40%.

Passing the course: when the student has done all the evidences, obtaining at least a 5 (0-10 scale).

Resit: Students who have done evidences with a weight of at least 2/3 of the total, and having a final grade of equal or greater than 3.5 and lower than 5. They will be resited only the parts evaluated as insufficient during the course.

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