

POSITION DESCRIPTION

Position:	Speech Pathologist - Grade One		
Division:	Community Wellbeing and Partnerships	Level of Authority: (as per BRHS Instrument of Delegation)	General Staff
Department/Unit:	Allied Health - Speech Pathology		
Reports To:	Speech Pathology Team Leader		
Direct Reports:	N/A		
Enterprise Agreement:	Allied Health Professionals (Victorian Public Health Sector) Single Interest Enterprise Agreement 2016-2020 <i>and subsequent agreements as may be approved in accordance with Fair Work legislation during the course of employment.</i>		
Salary Range:	Grade 1, Year 3-7 depending on experience, \$66,851 - \$81,286 per annum plus superannuation in accordance with statutory regulations.		

BAIRNSDALE REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service (BRHS) is a multifaceted and growing regional health system providing a comprehensive array of health care services to the East Gippsland community. BRHS is driven by the vision to be an innovative leader in the health care field and provide outstanding person centred services to our community.

Three campuses in Bairnsdale provide opportunity for staff and students across a wide range of professional specialties including emergency, acute, sub-acute, maternity, residential aged care, allied health, community health, oral health, information technology, administration, finance and extensive support services. As the region's largest employer, BRHS is a magnet that attracts talented professionals to the region, and maintains a strong commitment to developing key strategic partnerships to enhance healthcare services in the region strengthening our community.

We maintain a strong commitment to understand the health service needs of the local population. Our fundamental commitment to partnering with our consumers through ongoing collaboration supports our delivery of great consumer experience and health outcomes.

BRHS is located on the lands of the Gunai Kurnai people. Find out more about BRHS [here](#)

DEPARTMENT

The Speech Pathology department operates within a team environment to provide assessment, education and treatment to both inpatients and adult outpatients with communication and swallowing disorders. BRHS Speech Pathologists work with clients to set and achieve goals that facilitate the client's functional recovery. The core Speech Pathology services include acute inpatients, inpatient rehabilitation, outpatients and community health programs including pulmonary rehabilitation group.

POSITION OBJECTIVE

The Grade One Speech Pathologist will be responsible for the delivery of efficient and effective Speech Pathology services that support improved health outcomes for clients as part of a multidisciplinary and integrated approach to the delivery of contemporary health services. Speech Pathology services are provided for the Health Independence Program which includes Sub-acute care, Post-acute care and Hospital Admission Risk Program, acute/ward setting, Home and Community Care Program, inpatient rehabilitation and aged care.

ORGANISATIONAL INFORMATION

Vision:

Respected leader of outstanding health care

Role Statement:

To improve the health and wellbeing of the East Gippsland community by providing accessible, high quality and sustainable health services.

Strategic Objectives

1. Safe, Effective Care
2. Skilled, valued and compassionate workforce
3. Leadership, accountability and a sustainable future
4. The consumer at the centre

Organisational Principles

1. Progressive

BRHS will ensure that our models of care are evidence based and contemporary and we are leaders of regional health care in a rural environment.

2. Accountable

BRHS will acknowledge our obligations through a culture of honesty, trust and absolute responsibility for its action.

3. Competent

BRHS will demonstrate compassion, proficiency and knowledge as a learning organisation to ensure our care is always safe and effective.

4. Person Centred

BRHS will work in partnership with patients, families and carers to empower them to make informed decisions about their own health and create a positive patient experience.

5. Collaborative

BRHS will establish relationships that enhance the delivery of safe, effective and integrated and high quality health services for the community of East Gippsland.

Trademark Behaviours

1. Display trust & mutual respect
2. Have courage to change
3. Step up & take responsibility
4. Be positive & support others
5. Learn & apply knowledge

RESPONSIBILITIES & ACCOUNTABILITIES

Primary Responsibilities

- Provide high quality and efficient Speech Pathology services to acute inpatients, rehabilitation and GEM inpatients, and community patients to assist patients meet their specific goals.
- Actively participate in the implementation of contemporary initiatives including Active Service Model (ASM), Health Independence Programs (HIP), Activity Based Funding (ABF) and Diversity Plan to ensure they are integrated into programs and services provided by the Speech Pathology team.
- Assess patient care needs and develop plans that address the patient's individual needs.
- Participate in a multi-disciplinary approach to assessment, treatment and discharge/separation planning that includes the patient and patient's family/carer as appropriate.
- Strive for interagency practice and integrated care to streamline the client journey.
- Ensure appropriate referral of patients to other services/agencies.
- Provide supervision and support to allied health assistants.
- Provide relevant education and training to food services and nursing staff.
- Undertake other duties as required by the Manager/Team Leader that are within the scope and skill consistent with the position.

Strategic Imperatives

- Demonstrate an awareness and understanding of BRHS' strategic plan and contribute to the team's work plan to achieve organisational objectives.
- Ensure all work practices comply with current BRHS policies, procedures and/or guidelines.
- Be familiar with the organisation's principles and demonstrate alignment with the trademark behaviours in day to day practice.
- Demonstrate an awareness and compliance with the BRHS Consumer Engagement strategy to foster person-centred practice.
- Adopt and maintain a progressive and evidence-based approach to service delivery.

Professional Development

- Actively engage in the annual performance review and development appraisal with direct supervisor.
- Maintain professional competencies and registration (if applicable) and undertake relevant professional development, continuing education and training.
- Ensure completion of mandatory competencies (both organizational and profession-specific).

Work Health and Safety

- Regularly monitor and review personal work practices and the environment to ensure a healthy and safe workplace in accordance with BRHS policies/procedures and legislative requirements.
- Adhere to Occupational Health and Safety, Equal Employment Opportunity, Emergency Management, Waste Management, Environmental Sustainability and Infection Control policies and legislation.
- Proactively report OH&S hazards, incidents and injuries to supervisor.

Quality and Risk Management

- Actively participate and contribute to quality improvement activities, by identifying and making recommendations on opportunities to improve processes, workplace health and safety, quality and service delivery outcomes.
- Adhere to BRHS incident and complaint investigation policies and procedures.
- Manage risk in daily work practices.
- Adhere to all organisational policies and procedures.
- Ensure a good knowledge of policies relating to reportable conduct, child safe standards and hospital response to family violence.

Information and Resource Management

- Understand the purpose of, and be able to use client/corporate records systems and common software applications confidentially and appropriately
- Prepare documentation using clear, concise and grammatically correct language appropriate to the role and service requirements.
- Record and maintain accurate and timely data as directed to meet relevant funding and policy requirements.
- Work within budget requirements and use resources appropriately.
- Comply with record and information management requirements in accordance with relevant BRHS policies and guidelines.
- Ensure information relating to patients/clients and colleague's is kept private and confidential at all times in accordance with BRHS policy and procedures.

Communication and Teamwork

- Actively participate in team meetings, staff forums and other meetings relevant to the role, and as required by supervisor.
- Work in a co-operative and collaborative manner with all team members to foster a positive and supportive work environment and person-centred service provision.
- Provide guidance and support to students and staff in your work area to contribute to a valuable and constructive learning experience.

Diversity and Inclusion

- Support an inclusive environment where all individuals are treated fairly, with respect and receive the same opportunities.
- Actively participate in developing cultural competence including an awareness and understanding of the diverse range of cultures and backgrounds, including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, members of the LGBTIQ community and people with a disability.

POSITION REQUIREMENTS

Position Requirements	
Satisfactory National Police Check (no older than 12 months) <i>Certificate must be provided prior to commencement.</i>	Required
Satisfactory Working with Children Check <i>Evidence of application must be provided prior to commencement.</i>	Required
Satisfactory Health Declaration (BRHS will provide documentation for completion) <i>Completed document must be provided prior to commencement.</i>	Required
Immunisation History (BRHS will provide documentation for completion) <i>Completed document must be provided prior to commencement.</i>	Required
Evidence of COVID-19 vaccination <i>Proof of first vaccination must be provided prior to commencement. (Eg Certificate from myGov record) and full vaccination status is to be obtained in accordance with Department of Health guidelines.</i>	Required
Evidence of Professional Registration	Not required
Evidence of Professional Qualification	Required
Valid Victorian Driver's Licence	Required
Valid Trade Licence	Not required
Undertake Health monitoring as per BRHS Cytotoxic Drugs & BCG Instillations policy). Mandatory to occur prior to commencement and when required during employment.	Not required
Typical Work Schedule	
This position is worked as required from Monday to Friday	

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service is an equal opportunity employer. BRHS has adopted a common set of principles across the organisation and developed associated trademark behaviours. Selection will be based on assessing demonstrated alignment with the skills, qualifications, knowledge, behaviours and other personal qualities required to carry out the role effectively.

Qualifications and Experience

- Degree or diploma in Speech Pathology
- Eligibility for membership to Speech Pathology Australia
- Recent experience in one or more of the following clinical areas of practice: Acute Hospital, Rehabilitation Inpatients, Community Outpatients

Skills, Knowledge and Attributes

1. Sound knowledge of Speech Pathology practice with demonstrated commitment to maintain and update such knowledge.
2. Demonstrated understanding of person centred care and goal focused interventions in Speech Pathology.
3. An understanding of contemporary service delivery models of care that focus on client centred goal focused care.
4. Sound organisational and time management skills that enable efficient prioritization of work load with a flexible and adaptable approach.
5. Ability to research and apply evidence based practice.
6. Demonstrated ability to work cooperatively as a member of a multidisciplinary team in the delivery of patient care, contributing to care coordination and facilitation of discharge planning with a focus on client-centred goals.
7. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively with a wide range of people, including co-workers, clients/patients and other health professionals, through a range of mediums.

JOB DEMANDS CHECKLIST

Bairnsdale Regional Health Service endeavours to provide a safe working environment for all staff. The table below describes the demands and risk factors associated with this job. Applicants must review this information to ensure they can comply with these requirements. Successful applicants will be required to sign the acknowledgment at the end of the position description to confirm their ability to perform the job demands of this position.

Frequency definitions:	
I = Infrequent	Activity may be required very infrequently
O = Occasional	Activity required occasionally, not necessarily all shifts
F = Frequent	Activity required most shifts, up to 50% of the time
C = Constant	Activity that exists for the majority of each shift and may involve repetitive movement for prolonged periods
N/A = Not Applicable	Activity not performed

Aspects of Normal Workplace		Frequency				
Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	N/A
Physical Demands						
Sitting	Remain seated to perform tasks			X		
Standing	Remain standing to perform tasks			X		
Walking	Periods of walking required to perform tasks			X		
Bending	Forward bending from waist to perform tasks		X			
Kneeling	Remaining in a kneeling position to perform tasks		X			
Lifting/Carrying	Light lifting and carrying			X		
	Moderate lifting and carrying		X			
	Assisted lifting (mechanical, equipment, person assist)	X				
Climbing, Working at Heights	Ascending and descending ladders, stools, scaffolding	X				
Pushing/ Pulling	Moving objects e.g. trolleys, beds, wheelchairs and floor cleaning equipment	X				
Reaching	Arms fully extended forward or raised above shoulder	X				
Crouching	Adopting a crouching posture to perform tasks	X				
Foot Movement	Use of leg and/or foot to operate machinery					X
Head Postures	Holding head in a position other than neutral (facing forward)	X				
Fingers/Hand/ Arm Movement	Repetitive movements of fingers, hands and arms e.g. computer keyboarding			X		
Grasping/Fine Manipulation	Gripping, holding, clasping with fingers or hands	X				
Driving	Operating a motor powered vehicle e.g. Use of hospital cars, deliveries, visiting clients, tractor, ride on mower, forklift, bus etc.	X				

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Aspects of Normal Workplace		Frequency				
Demands	Description	I	O	F	C	N/A
Psychosocial Demands						
Distressed People	Highly emotional people crying, upset, unhappy, depressed. E.g. Emergency or grief situations		X			
Aggressive/ Unpredictable People	Raised voices, yelling, swearing, and arguing. E.g. Drug/alcohol, dementia, mental illness	X				
Exposure to Distressing Situations	E.g. Child abuse, delivering bad news, viewing extreme injuries, viewing deceased	X				
Environmental Demands						
Gases	Working with explosive or flammable gases requiring precautionary measures					X
Liquids	Working with corrosive, toxic or poisonous liquids or chemicals requiring Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)					X
Noise	Environmental/background noise necessitates people raising their voice to be heard	X				
Biological Hazards	E.g. Exposure to body fluids, bacteria, infectious diseases requiring PPE		X			
Cytotoxic Materials	Handling and/or preparation of cytotoxic materials					x
Radiation	Working with radiologic equipment		x			

AUTHORISATION

I confirm that I have read and understood this position description and believe that I am able to carry out the requirements of this role safely and effectively and that the conditions and requirements therein form part of my contract of employment.

X

Employee signature
Date

X

Employee name (Printed)

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