Transcript of Speech and Language Therapy at UCL: Employer Perspectives

**Sue McGowan**  
We have a long history of working with UCL, principally providing placements for their students. The students have great theory in university but the placement is where they all put that theory into practice. So this is where they're seeing face up patients and how the theory translates into practice, but on placement is when we say right, here we go, here's the test, off you go, go and do it, try it out.  
  
**Nabiah Sohail**  
One of the real advantages of having UCL students is actually for our staff as well. So our staff learn so many new skills and gain an absolutely new skill set by having students on placement with them and that really helps them for their career development to develop sort of people skills, management skills, supervising skills, helping students to kind of develop and to monitor their progress and to support their learning.

**Simon Grobler**

If you were to ask a student what they liked most about the course it's invariably the clinical placements, because like I say that's the, that's, they come on to this course in order to work with people, to help other people.

**Sue McGowan**

What we've tried to do is make sure that the patient's voice and patient’s experience influences the course content and shape. So that in university they're not just teaching in a sterile environment but that they're reflecting what's going on in the real world.