SLTH 21154 Child Social Communication & Language Disorders

Status	Optional (SLT)
No of Hours	30 hours
No of Credits	2
Learning Outcomes	 Outline the types of language disorders in children Describe the range of assessment and therapeutic techniques used in the management of children with language disorders. Describe the advantages of working in multi-disciplinary teams and using family centered therapy approaches
Method of Teaching and Learning	Lectures and Practical
Module Content	Unit 1 Review of theories of language acquisition in children a. Biological maturation approaches b. Cognitive approaches c. Linguistic approaches d. Psycholinguistic approaches e. Information processing theories f. Behavior theory g. Pragmatic approaches h. Functional and usage based approaches Unit 2 Neurobiological correlates of language development a. Neuroanatomical b. Neurophysiologic c. Neurochemical Unit 3 Speech and language characteristics of children with a. Conditions related to child language disorders b. Social communication disorders and Autism Spectrum disorder c. Specific language impairment (SLI). d. Learning disability / dyslexia e. Attention deficit hyperactivity disorders

Unit 4

Diagnosis of speech and language disorders in children: Test and protocols

- a. Differential diagnostic characteristics of children with social communication and language disorders – various behavioral and linguistic tests and profiles
- b. Assessment procedures for typically developing and children with social communication and language disorders medical, neurobehavioral neurolinguistic measures.

Unit 5

a. Approaches and techniques for management of social communication and language disorders in children:

Cognitive approach

Linguistic approach

Psycholinguistic approach

Behavioral approach

Medical approach

Family centered approaches

Multi-Disciplinary Team work

- b. AAC for individuals with child language disorders
 - Assessment of candidates
 - Selection of suitable AAC modes and devices
 - Management using AAC

Unit 6

Autism Intervention

- Communication
- Social skills
- Play behavior
- Sensory difficulties
- Sibling issues
- Dietary issues
- Toilet training
- Autism with co-existing disabilities

Unit 7

Family centered intervention

- Coping with grief and stress
- Managing behavior
- Parent training
- Sibling training
- Other caregiver training

Assessment

Examination 100%