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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Please note that for the purposes of this research report, the following terms have been applied in a specific way:

**Dual Register**
This refers to registration as both an Audiologist (A) Speech-Language Therapist (SLT) with a single degree as a qualification.

**Generalist:**
This term is used to refer to a Speech-Language & Hearing Therapist. These graduates are training primarily in speech-language therapy and have accumulated 200 hours of audiology. They are thus in a position to provide basic audiological services.

**Professional Board**
This term is used to refer to the Professional Board of the Speech, Language and Hearing Professions of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA).

**Scope of Practice:**
This is used to refer to the possible range of clinical activities performed by an audiologist or services offered by an audiologist. The use of the term is somewhat different to the legal term “scope of practice” which defines the actual activities that an audiologist is officially permitted to perform in a particular country based on education and experience.

**Specialist:**
This term refers to a graduate that has graduated with a degree in either Speech-Language Therapist or Audiologist and therefore presumably has more specialized knowledge and skills than a generalist.

**Speech and Hearing Therapist:**
This term is used to refer to the single qualification in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology that permits registration on the dual register of the Health Professions Council of South Africa (HPCSA). Some universities refer to offering a degree in "Speech and Hearing Therapy" whereas others refer to it as a degree in “Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology”. The term is controversial in that the HPCSA does not acknowledge it and yet it is used informally by practitioners who practice predominantly as speech therapist, but also provide basic audiological services. The term is used to differentiate those audiologists who have completed a dual curriculum versus those that have completed a split curriculum.
**Split Curriculum**

This term is used to refer to the separate training programmes in Speech-Language Therapy or Audiology that allow registration with the HPCSA on a single register.

**ABBREVIATIONS**

The following abbreviations are used within the research report:

- ABR: Auditory Brainstem Response
- AIDS: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
- ASHA: American Speech-Language-Hearing Association
- ASSR: Auditory Steady State Response
- AuD: Doctor of Audiology
- BOA: Behavioral Observation Audiometry
- CPD: Continuing Professional Development
- ECochG: Electrocochleography
- ENG: Electronystagmography
- GDP: Gross Domestic Product
- HPCSA: Health Professions Council of South African
- HIV: Human Immunodeficiency Virus
- LLR: Late Latency Response
- MEDUNSA: Medical University of South Africa (now part of the University of Limpopo)
- MLR: Mid Latency Response
- MMN: Mismatch Negativity
- OAE: Otoacoustic Emission
- PHC: Primary Health Care
- SLT: Speech-Language Therapist
- SOL: Site of Lesion
- UKZN: University of KwaZulu-Natal
- UP: University of Pretoria
- US: University of Stellenbosch
- VRA: Visual Response Audiometry
- WHO: World Health Organization
- WITS: University of the Witwatersrand