

# SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

DIVISION: Performing and Communication Arts

The speech language pathology assistant (SLPA) program prepares students for work as assistants to qualified Speech-Language Pathologists. The program offers an associate degree with clinical field experience to prepare students for state and national certification in the field.

- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant – Associate in Science Degree (<https://curriculum.pasadena.edu/academic-programs/speech-language-pathology/speech-language-pathology-assistant-as/>)

## Courses

### SLPA 018 INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

3 unit

*Transfer Credit: CSU*

Overview of the field of communication disorders. Survey and classification of communication disorders; identifying assessment and treatment of speech, language, swallowing and hearing disorders. Includes guided observation of 3 hours of speech therapy sessions. Total of 54 hours lecture.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

### SLPA 107 PHONETICS, ARTICULATION, AND PHONOLOGY

3 unit

**Prerequisite(s):** SLPA 018

**Enrollment Limitation:** Admission to the SLPA program

Speech sound production and disorders, including a study of the International Phonetic Alphabet for classification, analysis, and transcription. Consideration for cultural and linguistic variations. Approaches and procedures for screening and intervention of speech sound disorders. Includes guided observation of 3 hours of speech therapy sessions. Total of 54 hours lecture and 18 hours laboratory.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

### SLPA 115 CHILD LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT AND DISORDERS

3 unit

**Prerequisite(s):** SLPA 018

**Enrollment Limitation:** Admission to the SLPA program

Typical speech, language and hearing development including acquisition of phonology, morphology, semantics, syntax, and pragmatics; communication development in bilingual populations; and differentiation of typical from disordered communication. Study of prevention, assessment and intervention practices for language and literacy disorders in children and adolescents. Includes guided observation of 3 hours of speech therapy sessions. Total of 54 hours lecture and 18 hours laboratory.

**Grade Mode:** Letter Grade

### SLPA 119 SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY: PROFESSIONAL ISSUES

3 unit

**Prerequisite(s):** SLPA 018

Professional issues in the field of communication disorders with emphasis on practice as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. Regulatory and ethical considerations, scope of responsibilities, and supervision. Practice issues including cultural and linguistic diversity, Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC), documentation, data collection, objectives, and treatment implementation. Total of 54 hours lecture and 18 hours laboratory.

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### SLPA 123A COMMUNICATION DISORDERS: ASSESSMENT AND REMEDIATION

3 unit

**Prerequisite(s):** All of the following; SLPA 107, SLPA 115, and SLPA 119

**Enrollment Limitation:** Admission to the SLPA program

Screening, assessment and intervention practices and procedures for communication disorders. Examination of learning theories, lesson/session planning, behavioral modification, and reinforcement techniques. Includes guided observation of 3 hours of speech therapy sessions. No credit if taken after SPCH 123. Total of 54 hours lecture and 18 hours laboratory.

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### SLPA 123B ADULT DISORDERS: REMEDIATION

3 unit

**Prerequisite(s):** SLPA 123A

**Enrollment Limitation:** Admission to the SLPA program

Speech, language, and hearing disorders of the adult population. Assessment and Intervention practices for adult acquired neurogenic communication disorders. Includes guided observation of 3 hours of speech therapy sessions. Total of 54 hours lecture and 18 hours laboratory.

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**SLPA 126 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT FIELD WORK**

**2 unit**

**Prerequisite(s):** *Enrollment in or completion of SLPA 123B*

**Corequisite(s):** *SLPA 126S*

**Enrollment Limitation:** *Admission to the SLPA program; Students must pass a health/safety and background check for both the college and the off-campus site; Requires instructor approval to ensure that the each student enrolled in the course has an approved contracted fieldwork site as well as an approved Master Clinician; Student must meet with the on-campus Instructor prior to semester of enrollment for: a) fieldwork orientation (date to be announced in SLPA 123A or SLPA 123B) b) establishment of a signed contract of understanding of all requirements for the off-campus experience c) completion of the application indicating intent to enroll in SLPA 126 (available following orientation) Supervised fieldwork experience assisting with the clinical management of persons with communicative disorders*

Opportunities to interact with clients/patients while implementing a prescribed treatment plan, assisting with screening or assessment under the supervision of a speech-language pathologist, record keeping and managing of clinical data, setting up clinical equipment and materials, and performing various clerical duties as needed. Students must work 75 paid hours or 60 non-paid hours per unit earned. Total of 120 hours unpaid or 150 hours paid field practice.

**Grade Mode:** *Letter Grade*

**SLPA 126S SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT FIELD WORK SEMINAR**

**1 unit**

**Prerequisite(s):** *Enrollment in or completion of SLPA 123B*

**Corequisite(s):** *SLPA 126*

**Enrollment Limitation:** *Admission to the SLPA program*

Investigation of critical-thinking and decision-making skills related to technical proficiency of a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. Total of 18 hours lecture.

**Grade Mode:** *Letter Grade*