

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

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The Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) program is a comprehensive certificate and degree program of both theory and practical experience designed to prepare students to become certified Speech-Language Pathology Assistants (SLPAs).

An SLPA is a certified support person who works under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist to carry out professional responsibilities. The SLPA performs specific therapy-related tasks that are prescribed and directed by their supervising speech-language pathologist. The SLPA works closely with others in a variety of settings, including schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, or private practice. As a member of a speech-language therapy team, the SLPA helps children and adults with communication disorders improve their ability to speak to, listen to, and interact with others. SLPAs are responsible for taking and tracking data, and following the direction of others while working independently to deliver therapy services to children and adults.

The SLPA program will heavily assess communication skills in the areas of speaking and writing. Students who are ESOL speakers must have a satisfactory TOEFL score or ESOL level. Students applying to the SLPA program will be required to: communicate clearly in English with clear articulation skills, use writing skills to take data, communicate clearly in chart notes, and use written discourse in taking descriptive therapy data and dialogue.

In order to be employed as a Certified Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, one must hold current Certification as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant with the Oregon Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology. To be eligible to apply for certification, an applicant must submit transcripts showing: (a) 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours of speech-language pathology technical coursework; (b) 45 quarter hours or 30 semester hours of general education credit; (c) written evidence of 100 clinical interaction hours. These hours are collected during the practicum coursework in the SLPA program.

For more information, contact the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology: 971.673.0220, www.oregon.gov/BSPA/index.shtml

Program outcomes

Students completing the AAS or earning Certificate of Completion will:

- Conduct individual and small group speech and language therapy services as directed by supervising Speech-Language Pathologist.
- Accurately record and organize data taken from the therapy sessions and communicate findings to supervising Speech-Language Pathologist.

This program has admission requirements and enrollment limits. An application packet is required to apply for admis-

sion to this program. This is a separate step in addition to the assessment and meeting with Counseling and Career Service department. Applications are available on the program Web site: speechpathology.chemeketa.edu. Application deadlines are typically July 15 for fall term entry and February 1 for spring term entry. Once admitted, students are required to follow the prescribed outline of the courses throughout the program. For those students who are taking only the SLPA program courses, a course load of 6-9 credits is considered part-time. The program typically takes 6-7 terms to complete (including summer terms) attending part-time.

Getting started

The first step to entering the SLPA program is to obtain the current SLPA program application from the SLPA program website: <http://speechpathology.chemeketa.edu>. Students may need to take part in an assessment process to demonstrate competent abilities in the pre-program coursework areas, including computer literacy, keyboarding, math, reading, and writing. Students are strongly encouraged to meet with the designated counselor for the SLPA program within Counseling and Career Services to formulate an individualized program of study, which may include the following pre-program courses:

CA121A	Keyboarding A (if less than 25 wpm)	1
CIS101	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications	3
MTH060	Introductory Algebra+	4
RD090	College Textbook Reading.....	3
WR115	Introduction to Composition+	3

If you have any questions about the requirements, call Counseling and Career Services at 503.399.5120 or Ashley Northam at 503.589.7815. Failure to be assessed may delay your entry into program classes.

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Certificate of Completion

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the entire program listed below are books, \$1,100; universal fee, \$360; online fee, \$750. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

You may earn a Certificate of Completion by successfully completing these 45 required credit hours with a grade of "C" or better in all courses. Applicants working toward a Certificate of Completion would have already completed a minimum of 45 general education credits (30 semester credits) or have earned a prior degree in another discipline.

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Course	Title	Credit Hours
ED130	Comprehensive Classroom Management	3
ED169	Overview of Students with Special Needs.....	3
ED229	Learning and Development+	3
ED258	Multicultural Education.....	3
SLP180	Survey of Speech and Language Disorders.....	3
SLP181	Phonetics for Language.....	3
SLP182	Intervention Strategies for SLP Assistants.....	3
SLP183	Introduction to Language Development	3
SLP184	Language Therapy	3
SLP185	Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Language.....	3
SLP186	Speech Intervention with Children, Adolescents and Adults.....	3
SLP187	Clinical Documentation and Materials Management for the SLPA	3
SLP188	Communication Disorders in Low Incidence Populations.....	3
SLP189	SLPA Practicum 1.....	3
SLP190	SLPA Practicum 2.....	3

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Associate of Applied Science Degree

In addition to tuition, estimated costs for students who complete the entire program listed below are books, \$2,030; universal fee, \$720; online fee, \$1,050. Contact the Financial Aid Office at 503.399.5018 to find out if you qualify for help with these costs.

You may earn a two-year Associate of Applied Science degree as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant by successfully completing 90 credit hours (45 credits for the certificate, and 45 general education requirements) with a grade of "C" or better in all courses.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
General Education requirements (45 credit hours):		
CIS101	Introduction to Microcomputer Applications (or higher)	3
MTH070	Elementary Algebra (or higher).....	4
SP100	Introduction to Communication (or higher).....	3
WR121	English Composition—Exposition (or higher)	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts electives	9
	Physical Education or Health.....	3
	Science/Applied Science electives.....	8
	Social Science electives.....	12