

# Speech-Language Pathology Assistant

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## Intro to Speech Language Pathology

SLPA 1101 - 4 Credits

Overview of normal and disordered communication. Explores speech, language, cognitive development and disorders, and hearing disorders across the age continuum according to etiology, clinical manifestations and intervention. Includes anatomy and physiology of speech, language and hearing. Addresses the psychosocial impact of communicative disorders on clients and their families. Includes observations of speech language therapy in local therapy settings. (4 lecture hours)

## Phonetics

SLPA 1105 - 3 Credits

Overview of the science of phonetics. Explores the anatomy and physiology of the speech mechanism and the mechanics of speech sound production. Includes an introduction to International Phonetic Alphabet (IPA) and commonly used diacritics with an emphasis on transcription in clinical settings. Prerequisite: Prior completion or concurrent enrollment in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1101 or consent of instructor (3 lecture hours)

## Speech Disorders & Intervention I

SLPA 1106 - 4 Credits

Overview of the etiologies and characteristics of a variety of speech disorders across the lifespan with an emphasis on intervention strategies. Includes an exploration of motor speech disorders, tracheostomies, laryngectomies, organic and functional voice disorders, orofacial anomalies and fluency disorders. Includes a review of neuroanatomy and physiology as it pertains to motor speech disorders and anatomy and physiology of the speech mechanism. Prerequisite: Admission to program and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1101 and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1105 or consent of instructor (4 lecture hours)

## Speech Disorders & Intervention II

SLPA 1107 - 2 Credits

Examination of the potential etiologies and characteristics of articulation and phonological disorders with an emphasis on intervention strategies. Explores sequence and timing of speech sound acquisition. Addresses differences between articulation and phonological disorders in terms of nature and treatment. Includes an introduction to oral motor exercises. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1101 and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1105 or consent of instructor (2 lecture hours)

## Language Development

SLPA 1109 - 3 Credits

Exploration of the components of language and theories of language development. Emphasis placed on the typical sequence and timing of acquisition of language skills from infancy to adolescence. Includes typical changes in language during various stages of adulthood. Addresses issues of dialects and bilingualism. Explores the impact of environment and play on language development and the use of developmentally appropriate toys to encourage language development. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1101 or consent of instructor (3 lecture hours)

## Language Disorders & Intervention

SLPA 1110 - 4 Credits

Examination of the potential etiologies and characteristics of language disorders across the lifespan with an emphasis on intervention strategies. Addresses delayed/disordered language development in the pediatric population (infancy through adolescence) as well as aphasia, right hemisphere syndrome, traumatic brain injury, and dementia in the adult population. Includes exploration of language-based learning disabilities and language enrichment and literacy programs. Includes a review of neuroanatomy and physiology as it pertains to neurogenic language disorders. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1109 or consent of instructor (4 lecture hours)

## Introduction to Audiology

SLPA 1112 - 2 Credits

Overview of the study of audiology. Includes anatomy and physiology of the auditory system, review of audiological screening and assessment, aural pathologies and intervention strategies. Emphasis placed on impact of aural pathologies on communicative development and education as well as identification with hearing impaired/deaf culture. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1101 or consent of instructor (2 lecture hours)

## Sign Language I

SLPA 1301 - 3 Credits

Overview of the manual alphabet, numbers and basic sign vocabulary used in American Sign Language (ASL). Emphasis on development of both expressive and receptive signing skills. Explores Deaf history and culture and provides an understanding of the Deaf community. (3 lecture hours)

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## Selected Topics II

### SLPA 1821 - 1 Credits

Introductory exploration and analysis of selected topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in college Class Schedule. This course may be taken four times for credit as long as different topics are selected. Prerequisite: Acceptance into program or coordinator approval is required (1 lecture hour)

## Selected Topics III

### SLPA 1822 - 2 Credits

Introductory exploration and analysis of selected topics with a specific theme indicated by course title listed in college Class Schedule. This course may be taken four times for credit as long as different topics are selected. Prerequisite: Acceptance into program or coordinator approval is required (2 lecture hours)

## Independent Study - Individualized

### SLPA 1840 - 1-4 Credits

Exploration and analysis of topics within the discipline to meet individual student-defined course description, goals, objectives, topical outline and methods of evaluation in coordination with and approved by the instructor. This course may be taken four times for credit as long as different topics are selected. Prerequisite: Consent of instructor is required (1 to 4 lecture hours)

## Clinical Methods and Documentation

### SLPA 2101 - 4 Credits

Exploration of the components of treatment goals, behavior modification, data collection and documentation. Includes instruction in planning a therapy session based upon a written therapy plan, with an emphasis on identifying appropriate and effective activities and materials to elicit target behaviors. Explores commonly utilized screening and assessment tools as appropriate in the SLPA scope of service. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1106, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1107 and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1110 or consent of instructor (4 lecture hours)

## Professional Issues and the SLPA

### SLPA 2102 - 4 Credits

Addresses a wide variety of issues pertinent to the professional life of the SLPA. Explores SLPA scope of service, licensure and registration, workplace skills, ethics, employment settings, team

membership and conflict resolution, universal precautions, culturally sensitive practice, and the psychosocial impact of communication disorders. Includes resume writing and interviewing skills. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1106, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1107 and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1110 or consent of instructor (4 lecture hours)

## Augmentative & Alternative Communication

SLPA 2104 - 3 Credits

Overview of augmentative and alternative communication (AAC) terminology, symbols, application of low versus high tech devices, and intervention. Includes overview of populations using AAC and issues of motor and sensory impairments. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1106, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1107 and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1110 or consent of instructor (3 lecture hours)

## Clinical Practicum

SLPA 2112 - 6 Credits

Supervised clinical experience in two clinical placements, such as health care, clinic or school settings. Addresses development of clinical skills, including professionalism, implementation of prescribed therapy plans, data recording and documentation. Emphasis on developing competencies for ethical and effective Speech-Language Pathology Assistant practice. Requires attendance at assigned clinical sites three days per week. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 2101 and Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 2102 or consent of instructor

## Sign Language II

SLPA 2301 - 3 Credits

Expansion of American Sign Language (ASL) skills learned in SLPA-1301. Emphasis on development of both expressive and receptive conversational skills. Development of syntax skills and enhancement of vocabulary. Addresses Deaf history, culture and community in greater depth. Prerequisite: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant 1301 (3 lecture hours)

## Internship (Career & Technical Ed)yCoop Ed/Internship Occup

SLPA 2860 - 1-4 Credits

Course requires participation in Career and Technical Education work experience with onsite supervision. Internship learning objectives are developed by student and faculty member, with approval of employer, to provide appropriate work-based learning experiences. Credit is earned by working a minimum of 75 clock hours per semester credit hour, up to a maximum of four credits.

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Prerequisite: 2.0 cumulative grade point average; 12 semester credits earned in a related field of study; students work with Career Services staff to obtain approval of the internship by the Associate Dean from the academic discipline where the student is planning to earn credit.

## Internship Advanced (Career & Tech Ed)

### SLPA 2865 - 1-4 Credits

Continuation of Internship (Career and Technical Education). Course requires participation in Career & Technical Education work experience with onsite supervision. Internship learning objectives are developed by student and faculty member, with approval of employer, to provide appropriate work-based learning experiences. Credit is earned by working a minimum of 75 clock hours per semester credit hour, up to a maximum of four credits. Prerequisite: 2.0 cumulative grade point average; 12 semester credits earned in a related field of study; students work with Career Services staff to obtain approval of the internship by the Associate Dean from the academic discipline where the student is planning to earn credit.