

# SPEECH/LANGUAGE PATH ASSIST (SLPA)

**SLPA A100** **2 Units (36 lecture hours)**  
**Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology Assistant**  
**Grading Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

An introduction to the Speech Language Pathology Assistant career. Professional standards and responsibilities, legal and ethical issues, interdisciplinary and supervisory relations, and management of individuals with speech-language and hearing disorders are emphasized. Consideration is given to cultural, ethnic, and linguistic diversity.

**SLPA A115** **3 Units (54 lecture hours; 8 lab hours)**  
**Speech, Language, and Hearing Development**  
**Grading Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

Developmental functions of speech, language, hearing and swallowing mechanisms, including acquisition of morphology, semantics, syntax, pragmatics, and phonology from birth to adolescence. Language development models and language differences discussed. Anatomy and physiologic function pertaining to speech, swallowing, and hearing mechanisms.

**SLPA A120** **2 Units (36 lecture hours; 18 lab hours)**  
**Speech-Language Administrative Procedures**  
**Grading Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

Organizational and functional skills required in the speech pathology workplace. Emphasis on office management, client interaction requirements, communication techniques, educational techniques, writing skills related to speech-language pathology, scheduling, and computer applications.

**SLPA A140** **3 Units (54 lecture hours)**  
**Introduction to Communication Disorders**  
**Grading Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

Study of communicative disorders in both children and adults to include classification and prevalence, types of disorders, diagnostic techniques, remediation of speech and language, and treatment protocols. The role of the speech-language pathologist and audiologist is covered.

**SLPA A150** **3 Units (54 lecture hours; 36 lab hours)**  
**Introduction to Phonetics**  
**Grading Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

An introduction to phonetics including the analysis, description, and transcription of speech. The course encompasses speech production, acoustics, International Phonetic Alphabet, fine phonetic transcription, phonetic measurements, dialects, and the analysis of both normal and abnormal speech sounds. Protocol techniques for therapy are covered.

**SLPA A180** **3 Units (36 lecture hours; 54 lab hours)**  
**Screening and Therapeutic Processes**  
**Grading Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

Screening procedures and equipment used in evaluation of client status and development of treatment protocols. Therapeutic techniques, use of protocol forms, checklists and anecdotal records for speech, hearing, and language disorders. This course includes therapeutic procedures used in client protocol applications and in patient safety issues.

**SLPA A190** **3 Units (16 lecture hours; 206 lab hours)**  
**SLPA Clinical Experience 1**  
**Grading Mode:** Pass/No Pass  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

Application of clinical practice procedures and techniques as required of a speech-language pathology assistant under the supervision of a speech language pathologist. Offered on a pass-no pass basis only.

**SLPA A200** **2 Units (36 lecture hours)**  
**Adult and Geriatric Disorders**  
**Grading Mode:** Standard Letter  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

Therapeutic techniques and assessment directed at adult and geriatric conditions. Special emphasis on acquired conditions and specialized application/adaptation of screening, protocols, and therapy.

**SLPA A250** **5 Units (32 lecture hours; 256 lab hours; 32 other hours)**  
**SLPA Clinical Experience 2**  
**Grading Mode:** Pass/No Pass  
**Transfer Credit:** CSU.

Advanced application of clinical practice procedures and therapeutic techniques performed under the guidance of a speech pathologist. Client observation, treatment protocols, record keeping procedures, and discussion of case study management issues are also covered.