

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Financial Aid Eligible
Banner Code: 1_AS_SLPA
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The Speech-Language Pathology Assistant program will provide the community with professionally trained personnel to assist the speech pathologist in this specialized field and to provide services in multiple settings to a diverse population in the administration of therapeutic and screening services. Employment opportunities include jobs as speech-language pathology assistants in educational institutes, hospitals, private offices, and rehabilitation centers. State of California Department of Consumer Affairs, Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology Board approved for licensure.

Program Admission

1. Allied Health A010 course – application and orientation.
2. The student must complete the general education requirements for Mathematics and English composition for the Associate in Science Degree and the program prerequisites prior to acceptance to the program.

Program Outcome

1. Graduates of the program will be competent Speech-Language Pathology Assistants meeting the employment needs of the community and participating in professional growth activities.

Associate in Science Degree Requirements

1. **UNIT REQUIREMENT** - 60 UNITS, with at least a 2.0 grade point average. At least 12 of the units must be earned at OCC, with a minimum of one course taken for a letter grade. At least 3 units in an advanced course from the program must be completed at OCC. A student must be enrolled at the time of application for graduation. Units earned at an accredited college or university on a credit/no credit basis will be counted toward the degree requirements of the college, to a maximum of 15 units.
2. **MAJOR REQUIREMENT** - Complete the AA or AS major requirements as detailed in the Degree and Certificate section of this catalog.
3. **MATHEMATICS REQUIREMENT** - Demonstrate competence in mathematics by either obtaining a satisfactory grade (grade of "C" or better or "pass") in a mathematics course at or above the level of Intermediate Algebra as demonstrated by prior coursework, or by demonstrating competency that is comparable through the completion of a college-level math course that has Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite: Psychology A160 or Math A100 or higher, with the exception of Math A220.
4. **GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENT** - Students may choose to complete Option 1 (OCC AA GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-arts-general-education-option-1/>), Option 1 (OCC AS GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/pathways/careers-healthcare/speech-language-pathology-assistant/speech-language-pathology-assistant-associate-science-degree/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-science-general-education-option-1/>), Option 2 (CSU GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/>), or Option 3 (IGETC) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>) to satisfy the general education requirement. See the General Education Patterns section of this catalog for more information.

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Required Prerequisites

Course	Title	Units
ALH A010	Health Occupations	0.5
BIOL A221	Anatomy-Physiology ¹	4
HMDV A180	Child Growth and Development ¹	3
Total Units		7.5

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Fall		
ALH A115	Patient Care	2.5
ALH A111	Medical Terminology	3
SLPA A100	Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	2
SLPA A115	Speech, Language, and Hearing Development	3
SLPA A120	Speech-Language Administrative Procedures	2
Units		12.5

Spring		
ANTH A190	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology ¹	3
EC A155	Principles & Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
SLPA A140	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
SLPA A150	Introduction to Phonetics	3
Units		12

Year 2		
Fall		
EC A156	Early Childhood Laboratory	2
EC A165	Observing and Recording Child Behavior	3
SLPA A180	Screening and Therapeutic Processes	3
SLPA A190	SLPA Clinical Experience 1	3
Units		11

Spring		
ALH A120	Human Diseases	2
HMDV A210	Introduction to the Exceptional Child	3
SLPA A200	Adult and Geriatric Disorders	2
SLPA A250	SLPA Clinical Experience 2	5
Units		12
Total Units		47.5

¹ ANTH A190 Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology, BIOL A221 Anatomy-Physiology, and HMDV A180 Child Growth and Development and in program double count towards General Education Breadth.

Requirement	Units
Program Major Units	55
AS General Education Option 1, 2, or 3	Varies
Total Degree Units	67