

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

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Financial Aid Eligible

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

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 AS major requirements.
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 AS GE) (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/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-](https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-2/)

[education-option-2/](https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/)), or Option 3 (IGETC (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/associate-degree-general-education-option-3/>)) (<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.

Required Prerequisites

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

Required Courses

Course	Title	Units
ALH A111	Medical Terminology	3
ALH A115	Patient Care	2.5
ALH A120	Human Diseases	2
ANTH A190	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology ¹	3
CDE A155	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
CDE A156	Early Childhood Lab: Interactions with Young Children	2
CDE A165	Observing and Recording Child Behavior	3
CDE A210	Introduction to the Exceptional Child	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
SLPA A140	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
SLPA A150	Introduction to Phonetics	3
SLPA A180	Screening and Therapeutic Processes	3
SLPA A190	SLPA Clinical Experience 1	3
SLPA A200	Adult and Geriatric Disorders	2
SLPA A250	SLPA Clinical Experience 2	5
Total Units		47.5

Requirement	Units
Program Major Units	55
AS General Education Option 1, 2, or 3	Varies
Total Minimum Degree Units	64

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

Program Sequence

These sequences at Orange Coast College are general course curriculum maps for students to finish all major and general education requirements for two-year completion of degrees, and/or fulfillment of transfer requirements. The course sequence may include course prerequisites

and other placement requirements. **Students are advised to meet with an Orange Coast College Counselor to review course selections and sequences to ensure that completion of this program will meet a student's transfer and career goals.**

Course	Title	Units
Year 1		
Semester 1		
ALH A010	Health Occupations	0.5
BIOL A221	Anatomy-Physiology	4
CDE A180	Child, Growth and Development	3
OCC AS GE AREA A1 - CHOOSE ONE		3
Units		10.5
Semester 2		
OCC AS GE AREA C1 - CHOOSE ONE		3
OCC AS GE AREA A2 - CHOOSE ONE ¹		3-4
Select one of the following or satisfy Math competency (completion of High School Algebra 2 with a "C" or better):		3-4
MATH A030	Intermediate Algebra (or higher) ²	
or MATH A045	or Combined Elementary and Intermediate Algebra	
Units		9-11
Year 2		
Semester 1		
Acceptance into the OCC Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program Required (Cohort Restriction)		
ALH A111	Medical Terminology	3
ALH A115	Patient Care	2.5
SLPA A100	Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology Assisstant	2
SLPA A115	Speech, Language, and Hearing Development	3
SLPA A120	Speech-Language Administrative Procedures	2
Units		12.5
Semester 2		
ANTH A190	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	3
SLPA A140	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
SLPA A150	Introduction to Phonetics	3
CDE A155	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
Units		12
Year 3		
Semester 1		
CDE A156	Early Childhood Lab: Interactions with Young Children	2
CDE A165	Observing and Recording Child Behavior	3
SLPA A180	Screening and Therapeutic Processes	3
SLPA A190	SLPA Clinical Experience 1	3
Units		11
Semester 2		
ALH A120	Human Diseases	2
SLPA A200	Adult and Geriatric Disorders	2
SLPA A250	SLPA Clinical Experience 2	5

Course	Title	Units
CDE A210	Introduction to the Exceptional Child	3
Units		12
Total Units		67-69

- ¹ OCC AS GE AREA A2 - Required if 100-level MATH will not taken to meet Math competency.
- ² Highly recommended for Allied Health programs, some state licenses will require Algebra 2 or higher-level math to be completed at the college level. If MATH 100+ level or above (any math, except MATH A220) is taken, then it also meets OCC AS GE AREA A2