

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE

The Associate in Science in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant prepares students for employment as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA). A SLPA works with clients/patients with communication disorders, under the supervision of a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP).

Communication disorders affect people of all ages, including infants, children, adults, and seniors. Students will be trained to assist SLPs with the assessment and treatment of people with articulation, language, voice, fluency, and other communication disorders. There are a variety of locations of practice which may include educational, natural/in-home, clinical, and medical settings.

Upon successful completion of this degree, students will be eligible to apply to the Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology & Hearing Aid Dispensers Board (SLPAHADB) of the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs for registration as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant. Students will also be eligible to apply to the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) for the voluntary Speech-Language Pathology Assistants Certification.

Students will complete general education courses, specialized courses in speech language pathology, and a minimum of 110 hours of supervised clinical experience.

Course ID	Title	Units/ Hours
Required Core Courses		
CD V02	Child Growth and Development	3
CD V04	Observation and Assessment	2.5
CD V04L	Observation and Assessment Laboratory	.5
CD V05	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CD V10	Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
CD V71	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
CD V73	Speech and Language Development in Children	3
CD V75	Introduction to Phonetics	3
CD V77	Childhood Disorders and Treatment	3
CD V78	Adult Communication Disorders and Treatment	2
CD V79	Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication	2
CD V80L	Clinical Experience	2
Required Core Units		30
Required Additional Courses		
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing	4
ENGL V01B	Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature	4
ASL V01	Elementary American Sign Language I	4
ANPH V01	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
or ANAT V01	Human Anatomy	

COMM V15	Interpersonal Communication	3
MATH V40	Exploration of Mathematical Ideas	3
List A: Select 2 courses from the following:		
ETHS V01	Introduction to Ethnic Studies	3
ETHS V04	Introduction to American Indian Studies	3
ETHS V14	Introduction to Black Studies	3
CHST V01	Introduction to Chicano Studies	3

List B: Select 3 units from local GE Area 7: Health, Wellness, Counseling, and Career Planning.

Required Additional Units	32
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Total Major Units	62
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VCCCD General Education Pattern	
Required Major Units	62
VCCCD General Education Units	24
Double-Counted Units	(24)
Elective Units	0
Total Units for the A.S. Degree	62

Year 1		
Fall Semester		Units/Hours
ENGL C1000	Academic Reading and Writing (GE Area 1A - English Composition)	4
ASL V01	Elementary American Sign Language I	4
CD V02	Child Growth and Development (GE Area 4 - Social and Behavioral Sciences)	3
CD V71	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
MATH V40	Exploration of Mathematical Ideas (GE Area 2 - Mathematical Concepts and Quantitative Reasoning)	3
Units/Hours		17
Spring Semester		
ANPH V01	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology (GE Area 5 - Natural Sciences)	5
CD V10	Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3
CD V73	Speech and Language Development in Children	3
CD V75	Introduction to Phonetics	3
COMM V15	Interpersonal Communication (GE Area 1B - Oral Communication and Critical Thinking)	3
Units/Hours		17
Year 2		
Fall Semester		
CD V04	Observation and Assessment	2.5
CD V04L	Observation and Assessment Laboratory	.5
CD V05	Teaching in a Diverse Society	3
CD V77	Childhood Disorders and Treatment	3
ENGL V01B	Critical Thinking and Composition Through Literature (GE Area 1B - Oral Communication and Critical Thinking)	4
Units/Hours		13
Spring Semester		
CD V78	Adult Communication Disorders and Treatment	2
CD V79	Introduction to Augmentative and Alternative Communication	2
CD V80L	Clinical Experience	2
Select 2 Courses (6 units) from the Following:		
ETHS V04 or ETHS V14	Introduction to American Indian Studies (GE Area 3 - Arts and Humanities, or GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies) or Introduction to Black Studies	3
CHST V01	Introduction to Chicano Studies (GE Area 3 - Arts and Humanities, or GE Area 6 - Ethnic Studies)	3

Select three (3) units: VCCCD GE Area 7 (Health and Wellness)	3
Units/Hours	15
Total Units/Hours	62

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Recognize and explain the laws and regulations pertaining to state registration as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant.
- Demonstrate skills to provide direct treatment assistance to diverse clients/patients in multiple settings, under the supervision of a Speech-Language Pathologist, by implementing treatment plans, conducting screenings without interpretation, assisting with assessment, and documenting client/patient progress.
- Demonstrate appropriate workplace behaviors as a paraprofessional team member, under the supervision of a Speech-Language Pathologist, by responding appropriately to supervisory feedback, assisting with clerical and operational tasks, and supporting prevention and advocacy efforts.