



Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program

A.S. Degree

PART TIME

This program roadmap represents one possible pathway to complete the program. **Please see a counselor** to create an education plan that is customized to meet your needs. This roadmap is not a guarantee of course availability or financial aid applicability.

Catalog: 2026-27

GE Pattern: local AA/AS

Total Units: 60

Start Term: Fall

First Year

Semester 1 (Fall)

9 Units

| CAT. | COURSE | UNIT | PREREQUISITES | GE AREA |
|------|--|------|---------------|---------|
| Req | SLPA 300 Introduction to Communication Disorders | 3 | | |
| Req | COMM 331 Group Discussion | 3 | | LIB |
| GE | ENGL C1000 College Composition or | 3 | | L1A |
| | ENGL C1000H ^H Honors College Composition | 3 | | |

Semester 2 (Spring)

11 Units

| CAT. | COURSE | UNIT | PREREQUISITES | GE AREA |
|------|---|------|---------------|---------|
| Req | SLPA 105 Articulation and Phonology for the SLPA | 3 | SLPA 300 | |
| Req | COMM 325 Intercultural Communication | 3 | | |
| GE | STAT C1000 Introduction to Probability and Statistics or | 4 | | L2 |
| | STAT C1000H ^H Introduction to Probability and Statistics - Honors | 4 | | |
| GE | any Area L7A (Physical Education) course | 1 | | L7A |

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall)

9 Units

CAREER PATH

Career Options:

This degree prepares students for the following careers:

- Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (school districts, private practice)
- Instructional Assistant (school districts)

Advising Notes:

- Alternative core coursework sequence: SLPA 300, 110, 120, 105, 115, 121.
- Students should take DEAF 310 before SLPA 121, preferably in the semester prior to taking SLPA 121.
- Students can substitute ESLW 340 for ENGL C1000/C1000H (formerly known as ENGWR 300/480).
- **Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 100-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.
- This degree can be completed using either the local AA/AS general education (GE) pattern or the Cal-GETC transfer GE pattern. See a counselor to determine which pattern is best for you based on your academic goals.

| CAT. | COURSE | UNIT | PREREQUISITES | GE AREA |
|------|--|------------|---------------|---------|
| Req | SLPA 115 Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinical Strategies | 3 | SLPA 105 | |
| Req | ECE 312 Child Development or PSYC 372 Child Development | 3 3 | | L7B |
| Elec | any elective course | 3 | | |

Semester 4 (Spring)

9 Units

| CAT. | COURSE | UNIT | PREREQUISITES | GE AREA |
|------|--|------|---------------|---------|
| Req | SLPA 110 Professional Issues and Practices in Speech-Language Pathology | 3 | SLPA 300 | |
| Req | ECE 325 Positive Guidance Strategies with Young Children | 3 | | L4 |
| GE | any Area L5 (Natural Sciences) course | 3 | | L5 |

Third Year

Semester 5 (Fall)

12 Units

| CAT. | COURSE | UNIT | PREREQUISITES | GE AREA |
|------|---|------|------------------------|---------|
| Req | SLPA 120 Clinical Considerations in Service Delivery to Clients with Communication Disorders | 3 | SLPA 110 | |
| Req | ECE 404 Children with Special Needs | 3 | ECE 312 or PSYC 372 | |
| Req | DEAF 310 American Sign Language I | 4 | | L3 |
| Elec | any elective course | 2 | | |

Semester 6 (Spring)

10 Units

| CAT. | COURSE | UNIT | PREREQUISITES | GE AREA |
|------|--|------------|---------------------|---------|
| Req | SLPA 121 Fieldwork Experience in Speech-Language Pathology | 4 | SLPA 115 and 120 | |
| Req | GERON 305 Introduction to Geropsychology and the Aging Brain or PSYC 375 Introduction to Geropsychology and the Aging Brain | 3 3 | | |
| GE | any Area L6 (Ethnic Studies) course | 3 | | L6 |

Scheduling Notes:

- SLPA 115 and 120 are offered in the fall.
- SLPA 110 and 121 are offered in the spring.
- All SLPA courses are offered in the evening except SLPA 115, which is scheduled 2 days a week in the afternoon because of the lab component of working in the ARC Child Development Center.

Other Notes:

- SLPA 115 requires a medical clearance including TB clearance (within 12 months), MMR and TDap (within 10 years), and a flu vaccination (optional).
- SLPA 121 has an enrollment limitation, including TB clearance, CPR first-aid certification and Live Scan. See the course description in the catalog.
- Some students use this degree, with additional coursework, to prepare to transfer to CSUS to earn a Communication Sciences and Disorders degree. If considering transfer to CSUS, students should take PHYS 310 to satisfy the area L5 GE requirement.

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES

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| Req | Required Core | A course that is required for this program |
| GE | General Education | A course that fulfills a specific general education requirement for a degree, which can be replaced with another course that meets the same requirement |
| Elec | Degree Elective | A degree-applicable course that is part of a degree roadmap to ensure that there is a total of at least 60 units, which is a requirement for an associate degree |