Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program A.S. Degree

FULL 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) — 15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SLPA 300 Introduction to Communication Disorders	3		
Req	ECE 312 Child Development **or** PSYC 372 Child Development	3 3		L7B
Req	ECE 325 Positive Guidance Strategies with Young Children	3		L4
GE	ENGL C1000 College Composition **or** ENGL C1000H[H] Honors College Composition	3 3		L1A
Elec	any elective course	3		

Semester 2 (Spring) — 16 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SLPA 105 Articulation and Phonology for the SLPA	3	SLPA 300	
Req	SLPA 110 Professional Issues and Practices in Speech-Language Pathology	3	SLPA 300	
Req	ECE 404 Children with Special Needs	3	ECE 312 or PSYC 372	
Req	COMM 331 Group Discussion	3		L1B

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:

- 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).
- 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.
- This map is designed for students who are able to take 12 units or more each semester, which is considered a full-time load. It shows one possible way to finish the program in two years. See a counselor to adjust the coursework to meet your specific needs.

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
GE	STAT C1000 Introduction to Probability and Statistics **or** STAT C1000H[H] Introduction to Probability and Statistics - Honors	4 4		L2

Second Year

Semester 3 (Fall) — 15 Units

CAT.	COURSE	UNIT	PREREQUISITES	GE AREA
Req	SLPA 115 Speech, Language, and Hearing Clinical Strategies	3	SLPA 105	
Req	SLPA 120 Clinical Considerations in Service Delivery to Clients with Communication Disorders	3	SLPA 110	
Req	DEAF 310 American Sign Language I	4		L3
GE	any Area L5 (Natural Sciences) course	3		L5
Elec	any elective course	2		

Semester 4 (Spring) — 14 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		
Req	COMM 325 Intercultural Communication	3		
GE	any Area L6 (Ethnic Studies) course	3		L6
GE	any Area L7A (Physical Education) course	1		L7A

[H] honors courses

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES		
Req	Required Core	A course that is required for this program

- **Elective Courses:** any elective courses numbered 100-499, or having a 4-digit number starting with C.

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 flue 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		
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

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