

SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT, ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE DEGREE

Banner Code: 1_AS_SLPA
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.

Review Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/graduation-requirements/associate-degree/>) and General Education (<https://catalog.cccd.edu/orange-coast/general-education-patterns/>).

Required Prerequisites

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

Required Courses

Course	Title	Units
ALH A111	Medical Terminology	3
ALH A115	Patient Care	2
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

Course	Title	Units
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	3.5
SLPA A180	Screening and Therapeutic Processes	3
SLPA A190	SLPA Clinical Experience 1	4.5
SLPA A200	Adult and Geriatric Disorders	2
SLPA A250	SLPA Clinical Experience 2	5.5
Total Units		49.5

Requirement	Units
Program Major Units	54.5
AS General Education Option 1, 2, or 3	Varies
Total Minimum Degree Units	63.5

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
OCC AS GE AREA C1 - CHOOSE ONE		3
Units		13.5
Semester 2		
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		6-8

Course	Title	Units
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
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
Semester 2		
ANTH A190	Introduction to Linguistic Anthropology	3
SLPA A140	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
SLPA A150	Introduction to Phonetics	3.5
CDE A155	Principles and Practices of Teaching Young Children	3
Units		12.5
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	4.5
Units		12.5
Semester 2		
ALH A120	Human Diseases	2
SLPA A200	Adult and Geriatric Disorders	2
SLPA A250	SLPA Clinical Experience 2	5.5
CDE A210	Introduction to the Exceptional Child	3
Units		12.5
Total Units		69-71

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