Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Certificate (LASLPACERT)

Learn to become a speech-language pathology assistant and prepare for graduate programs in speech-language pathology through this program that meets SLPA licensure requirements.

Description

The speech-language pathology assistant certificate program prepares students to work with people with communication disorders.

Students majoring in speech and hearing science and those who have a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science receive additional coursework and clinical training enabling them to become eligible for speech-language pathology assistant licensure.

The certificate program meets the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association's recommendations and Arizona's requirements for speech-language pathology assistant licensure.

At a Glance

- College/School: College of Health Solutions
- Location: Tempe campus

Program Requirements

Certificate Map (Archives)
2021 - 2022 Certificate Map

The speech-language pathology assistant certificate program includes 15 credit hours of coursework and a clinical internship completed in conjunction with the bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science.
Twelve of the 15 credit hours for the certificate must be completed at ASU. A minimum grade of "B-" (scale is 4.00 = "A") is required for a course to count toward the certificate.

**Required Courses -- 15 credit hours**

- SHS 402: Clinical Methods and Treatment of Communication Disorders (3)
- SHS 470: Developmental Speech and Language Disorders or SHS 485: Acquired Speech and Language Disorders or SHS 565: Speech and Language Acquisition (3)
- SHS 473: Implementation of Treatment Plans for Individuals with Communication Disorders (3)
- SHS 483: Professional Issues and Ethical Considerations for the SLPA (3)
- SHS 484: SLPA Certificate (3)

Depending on a student's undergraduate program of study, prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

**Enrollment Requirements**

Students who have completed at least nine credit hours in speech and hearing science coursework with a minimum GPA of 2.75 (scale is 4.00 = "A") in those courses are eligible to apply. Applications are accepted from students who have completed a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science or communication disorders from a program accredited by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association, providing their GPA in the major was at least 2.75.

A student pursuing an undergraduate certificate must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student at ASU. Undergraduate certificates are not awarded prior to the award of an undergraduate degree. A student already holding an undergraduate degree may pursue an undergraduate certificate as a non-degree seeking graduate student.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates with the speech-language pathology certificate are prepared to work in the field of communication disorders under the direction and supervision of a speech-language pathologist. Speech-language pathology assistants typically are employed in schools, clinics and rehabilitation agencies that provide speech and language services.

Coursework and clinical training completed as part of the program also enhances preparation for graduate programs in speech language pathology.

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