Through ASU's speech-language pathology assistant certificate program you will acquire the clinical skills to work as an SLPA with a certificate that meets the American Speech Language Hearing Association's guidelines and recommendation. You also will be better prepared for graduate programs in speech-language pathology.

**Description**

The speech-language pathology assistant certificate program prepares students to work with individuals with communication disorders, under the direction of a licensed speech-language pathologist. Students majoring in speech and hearing science or persons already holding a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science receive additional coursework and clinical training to be eligible for the speech-language pathology assistant licensure. Speech-language pathology assistants work under the direction and supervision of speech-language pathologists in schools, clinics and rehabilitation agencies that provide speech and language services.

**At a Glance**

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

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**Program Requirements**

The speech-language pathology assistant certificate program includes 15 credit hours of course work and clinical internships completed in conjunction with the bachelor's degree in speech and hearing science.

Twelve of the 15 credit hours for the speech-language pathology assistant 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 473: Implementation of Treatment Plans for Individuals with Communication Disorders (3)
SHS 483: Professional Issues and Ethical Considerations for the SLPA (3)
SHS 484: Internship (6)

Notes: Two internships of clinical practice

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 15 credit hours in speech and hearing science coursework with at least a 2.75 GPA (scale is 4.00 = "A") in those courses are eligible to apply. Applications will also be 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. Students should contact the Department of Speech and Hearing Science for more information.

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 nondegree-seeking graduate student.

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