

## SLPA Information

Summer 2024

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### Overview of the SLPA Program

This course sequence serves as extension coursework to the CSAD Bachelor of Science Program to prepare students for SLPA license application. This course is designed to meet the State of California's registration and licensing requirements for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) SLPA Certification Program.

Students must have completed the CSAD undergraduate sequence prior enrolling in the SLPA Program. Students are eligible to apply for the SLPA Program for up to five years after graduating from the CSAD undergraduate program. Students are **not allowed** to enroll in the SLPA Program (summer 2024) and the MS CSAD (fall 2024, regardless of clinic start) Program at the same time. If you accept a seat in any MS CSAD program in 2024, you must decline a seat in the SLPA program.

Students complete the **CSAD 140: Clinical Methods for Speech Language Pathology Assistants** course during the summer semester. Students complete the **CSAD 140L: Clinical Practicum** experience through a local school or private practice. Each student is assigned to a speech language pathologist (CCC-SLP) who is the supervisor/preceptor for the SLPA practicum. Internship sites vary by setting, location, and schedule; therefore, students may complete a 6-12 week internship dependent on these factors. Students are required to obtain 80 clinical hours (minimum 100 total hours) at their practicum site **and** to meet core clinical competencies. Completion of the 80 clinical hours (minimum 100 total hours) alone does not necessitate the end of the practicum experience. Students are responsible for furnishing their own transportation to clinical sites.

### Applying to the SLPA Program

Students apply to the SLPA program through a Qualtrics form that will be posted to the department website and sent out to senior students via email. The SLPA Application will open on March 29, 2024 and **close on April 5, 2024** at midnight. The following information is required for the SLPA application:

- Descriptions of related work and volunteer experiences
- Personal statement questions, including:
  - Why are you interested in being a SLPA?
  - How have your background and/or experiences prepared you for a SLPA practicum experience?
  - How will you develop and maintain a collaborative, professional relationship with your SLP supervisor/preceptor?
  - What additional factors (e.g., technical skills, flexibility, resiliency, etc) do you possess that will support your future endeavors as a SLPA?
- Copy of resume
- Permission to access student grades to consider them as part of the SLPA application

### **Additional Requirements of the SLPA Program**

Prior to beginning the SLPA practicum experience, students must provide evidence of the following:

- Vaccinations (Hepatitis B, MMR, TB 2 step, TDAP, Varicella\*, Meningococcal\*, COVID\*)
- Proof of health insurance
- CPR certification
- Background check (department authorized)

Students should not schedule vacations until after they have their practicum dates. A “safe” time to schedule vacations is after your practicum is over, while you are waiting for your license to be processed.

### **Cost of SLPA Program**

For 2024, SLPA Course Fees are estimated at \$475/unit, or \$2,850 for both CSAD 140 and 140L. This is subject to change and does not include books, transportation, or parking. Students should request information about payment options by contacting the College of Continuing Education’s Credit Registration Services at 916-278-6984 or [ccecreditreg@csus.edu](mailto:ccecreditreg@csus.edu).

### **Schedule for CSAD 140**

Fridays, 8am-3:30pm (with 15 minute breaks between sessions and a half hour lunch break)

- June 14
- June 21
- June 28
- July 12
- July 19
- July 26