

Speech Language Pathology Assistant Extension Coursework

General Information

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at California State University, Sacramento (CSUS) offers Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Extension Coursework. This coursework, referred to as “The SLPA Program,” is held in the summer semester.

The SLPA Program is comprised of two 3-unit courses, CSAD 140 and CSAD 140L. Together these courses are 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) Code of Ethics.

1. CSAD 140 Clinical Methods Course (classroom portion), meets three times a week (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday) for four to six weeks on the CSUS campus. Class dates and times are TBD, but the class is generally held from the last week of May until the first week of July. 3 units.
2. CSAD 140L. SLPA Practicum, Ethical and Legal Parameters. Fieldwork experience. Times and dates will be arranged and will occur at an off-site location, either in a public school or private clinic setting within the greater Sacramento area. The SLPA student is expected to be at their assigned practicum site, as arranged by the program coordinator. For public school placements, the start/end date of the clinical practicum is based on the length of the school district’s regular academic and extended school year program (summer, special educational program). 3 units.

To meet California registration/licensing requirements, the SLPA student must obtain a minimum of 100 fieldwork hours (CSAD 140L) at their practicum site; these hours are not inclusive of observation hours completed during undergraduate coursework. Upon completing the SLPA program at CSUS, the goal is to provide the enrolled SLPA student with the following:

- To build knowledge, fieldwork experience, and core technical skills needed to practice within the field as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
- To fulfill educational requirements for registration and licensing provisions in the State of California for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants
- To train students for employment as Speech-Language Pathology Assistants by meeting the state of California registration requirements for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants
- To promote and support professional standards of the individual to meet the requirements of the State of California and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Code of Ethics

Prerequisites

All prospective students must have a bachelor’s degree or equivalent in Communication Sciences and Disorders/Speech Pathology no older than 5 years (May 2014) from CSUS and meet University and Department standards permitting graduation. As the SLPA program has been developed as an extension to our bachelor’s degree program, the SLPA program is restricted to students who have completed their undergraduate degree in CSAD at CSUS. Students who are planning on graduating in May 2019 are eligible to apply for the Summer SLPA program.

After receiving notification of acceptance into the SLPA program, and prior to enrolling in the first course involving direct client contact (CSAD 140L), the student must meet or demonstrate the criteria listed below:

Pass all medical requirements including:

1. TB (PPD) Test (available through The Well, see: <https://www.csus.edu/cec/tb.html>)
2. Begin the Hepatitis B Immunization (available through The Well, see: <https://shcssacstate.org/health-services/immunizations>)
3. Complete the Department's authorized background check. <https://www.csus.edu/hhs/csad/csad-forms-docs.html>
4. Contact his/her assigned SLP master clinician via email to arrange an initial meeting date/time
5. Review the policies and procedures outlined in the 2018 SLPA Clinical Handbook

Application Process

Application procedures will be posted on the department webpage in the spring semester of each year.

Licensing

Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Licensure and credentialing requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the CSU and requirements can change at any time. For example, licensure or credentialing requirements can include evidence of the right to work in the United States (e.g., social security number or tax payer identification number) or successfully passing a criminal background check. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure or credentialing requirements. The CSU will not refund tuition, fees, or any associated costs, to students who determine subsequent to admission that they cannot meet licensure or credentialing requirements. Information concerning licensure and credentialing requirements are available from the Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Sacramento Hall 234, (916) 278-5344.

Questions?

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