

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant, Certificate

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Ready to step into a career in the speech-language pathology field? Get the knowledge and skills you need to help assess and treat speech, language, voice and fluency disorders.

Description

This certificate program prepares students with the educational experience needed to become speech-language pathology assistants with a curriculum focused on:

- clinical methods and treatment
- developmental speech and language disorders
- implementation of treatment plans
- professional issues and ethical considerations

This program is a great option for students who are majoring or minoring in speech and hearing science, individuals who have already completed a bachelor's degree in speech and hearing, and those who are pursuing the postbaccalaureate communication sciences and disorders certificate.

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

At a glance

- **College/School:** [College of Health Solutions](#)
- **Location:** [Tempe](#)

Program requirements

[2024 - 2025 Certificate Map](#)

Certificate Map (Archives)

The 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-" (2.70 on a 4.00 scale) is required for each course.

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)

Notes: SHS 473 only offered in fall.

SHS 483: Professional Issues and Ethical Considerations for the SLPA (3)

Notes: SHS 483 only offered in spring.

SHS 484: SLPA Certificate (3)

Prerequisite courses may be needed in order to complete the requirements of this certificate.

SHS 402 should be completed prior to the SHS 484: SLPA Certificate internship course. SHS 484: SLPA Certificate internship course should be completed in the final semester.

Enrollment requirements

Current undergraduate students who have completed at least nine credit hours in speech and hearing science coursework with an overall minimum GPA of 2.75 in the major and "B-" grade or higher in those courses are eligible to apply. Applications are also 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 with a major GPA of at least 2.75 (scale is 4.00 = "A").

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.

Students interested in this certificate must submit a supplemental application.

Application deadlines:

Fall - April 1

Spring - October 1

Program learning outcomes

Program learning outcomes identify what a student will learn or be able to do upon completion of their program. This program has the following program outcomes:

- Students will implement treatment strategies appropriate to client age and disorder in speech-language therapy sessions.
- Students will apply professional and ethical principles in the practice of speech-language pathology for treatment of individuals with communication disorders.
- Students will understand clinical activities by observing and interviewing speech-language pathologists or audiologists.

Career opportunities

Graduates with this certificate are prepared to work with people with communication disorders under the direction and supervision of a speech-language pathologist in schools, clinics and rehabilitation agencies that provide speech and language services.

Coursework and clinical training completed as part of the program also enhance preparation for graduate programs in speech and communication disorders.

Professional licensure

ASU programs that may lead to professional licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for potential licensure or certification in Arizona. Completion of an ASU program may not meet educational requirements for licensure or certification in another state. For more information, students should visit the [ASU professional licensure](#) webpage.

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