

# SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AIDE (CERT)

## CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

A speech-language pathology aide works as a support professional in the field of communication disorders. This is an entry-level position in which the aide assists a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP) in completing clerical work or therapy-related tasks. A speech-language pathology aide may only work under the direct supervision of a licensed SLP.

They are required to report their employment to the California Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensers Board. Speech-language pathology aides may be employed in schools, clinics, and medical centers.

## Program Student Learning Outcomes

- Students adapt therapy materials and language based on the client's background and current level of functioning.
- Students describe normal and disordered communication, etiologies, and their implications for physical and psychological development.
- Students develop accurate and legible client/patient records in accordance with SLP guidelines.
- Students distinguish between those skills that are within and that are beyond the Scope of Practice for a SLPA as identified by the California State Licensing Board and the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association.
- Students employ professional terminology correctly.
- Students explain the privacy and confidentiality laws in regards to speech-language assessment and intervention.
- Students gather data regularly during intervention to monitor the effectiveness of an intervention.
- Students implement the training protocol and treatment plans as directed by the supervising SLP.
- Students self-evaluate own performance realistically.

## Program Requirements

Code Number	Course Title	Units
<b>Required Courses</b>		
ASL 110	American Sign Language I	4.0
CD 110	Child Development	3.0
CD 139	Observation, Assessment, and Positive Guidance of Childhood Behavior	3.0
CDSE 150	Introduction to Children with Special Needs	3.0
SLP 100	Introduction to Speech and Language Pathology	1.0
SLP 101	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3.0
SLP 105	Speech and Language Development	3.0
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>20</b>