## Catalog Description:

The Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) program prepares students for employment as support personnel under the supervision of a certified Speech Language Pathologist in early intervention, schools, and clinics. Graduates of the SLPA program are eligible to apply for licensure through Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulations. The Speech-Language Pathology Assistant degree requires a minimum of 64 credits in program requirements and general education in the courses listed below.

### Program Requirements .................................................. 39

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* - course has a prerequisite

### Electives ................................................................. 7

Select seven credits from any 1000- or 2000-elective courses. (In addition to the courses listed below.)

### General Education ...................................................... 18 to 22

Each candidate for an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree shall satisfactorily complete a minimum of 18 credits in General Education. (In addition to the courses listed below.)

Under the specified General Education headings below, the following courses are required:

- **Communication**: 6 credits  
  - **Written**: (3 credits) English 1101 or 1105  
  - **Oral**: (3 credits) Speech 1100, 1120 or 1150

- **Physical and Life Sciences**: 3 to 5 credits  
  At least one course with a laboratory component

- **Mathematics**: 3 to 5 credits  
  Select a minimum of 3 credits (1000 level or above).

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### Suggested Course Sequence  
**Full-Time Enrollment**

*Please note: A student’s readiness to perform college-level coursework is based on the student’s placement test and/or ACT scores. Below 1000 level coursework may be required prior to the student taking courses in the suggested sequences.*

* Please refer to the Program Admission packet for the most updated information at:  
https://cod.edu/admission/health_science/pdf_health/slpa.pdf

#### Fall Semester
- SLPA 1101 (4)  
- SLPA 1105 (3)

#### General Education Courses Required to Graduate
*(Highly recommended that courses are completed prior to entrance to the program).*

All courses must be completed at the end of the fourth semester of the program.

- Communications (6)  
- Physical Life Sciences: (3-5)  
- Mathematics (3-5)  
- Humanities and Fine Arts (3)  
- Social-Behavioral Science (3)  
- Global/Multicultural or Contemporary Life Skills (2)

#### Professional Course Sequence  
*(Once admitted to the Program)*

#### Spring Semester (7 credits)
- SLPA 1106 (4)  
- SLPA 1109 (3)

#### Summer Term (4 credits)
- SLPA 1107 (2)  
- SLPA 1112 (2)

#### Fall Semester (8 credits)
- SLPA 1110 (4)  
- SLPA 2101 (4)
Select Mathematics 1102, 1104 or 1120 only where required in the degree program. Only one from the following three courses may count toward overall degree requirement credit: Mathematics 1635, Psychology 2280 or Sociology 2205. Only one of the following courses may count toward overall degree credit: Mathematics 1428 or Mathematics 1431.

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 3 credits

**Social and Behavioral Sciences:** 3 credits

Complete at least 2 credits from the list of courses in the Global/Multicultural Studies or Contemporary Life Skills Category.

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**Spring Semester (20 credits)**
- Slpa 2102 (4)
- Slpa 2104 (3)
- Slpa 2112 (6)
- Electives (7)

For more information:
If you are considering this program as an area of study, please contact the Nursing & Health Sciences Division office at 630-942-8331.

Program web site:
https://www.cod.edu/academics/programs/slp/index.aspx
Career Information   SLPA.AAS

**Job Title(s):** Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA)
Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, Communication Assistant, Speech Pathologist Assistant, Speech-Language Assistant, Assistant Speech-Language Pathologist, Speech and Language Assistant, Speech and Language Tutor, Speech Therapist Technician

For salary and wage information, please visit: [www.onetonline.org](http://www.onetonline.org)

If you would like information regarding internships, resume development, interviewing and job search skills, please contact the Career Services Center

Phone: 630-942-2230
[www.cod.edu/careerservices](http://www.cod.edu/careerservices)  Twitter: @codcareercenter

**Related Occupations:**
Social and Human Services Assistant  Self-Enrichment Education Teachers
Occupational Therapy Assistants  Residential Advisors
Adult basic and secondary Education and Literacy Teachers and Instructors  Medical Assistants
Teacher Assistants