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between Chemeketa
Community
College and Lane
Community College

Speech Language Pathology Assistant

A Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) is a certified support person who carries out specific therapy-related tasks under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist. The SLPA works closely with others in a variety of settings including schools, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, or private practice. As a member of a speech-language therapy team, the SLPA helps children and adults with communication disorders improve their ability to speak, listen and interact with others.

Lane partners with Chemeketa so that students may take classes at both institutions to become eligible for the SLPA certification through Chemeketa Community College. Chemeketa offers the required coursework for an individual to be eligible for certification as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant with the Oregon State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Chemeketa also offers students the option to obtain an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Speech Language Pathology Assistant with the completion of an additional 45 general education credits.

Lane offers the general education portion of the SLPA AAS degree and two Education courses. Chemeketa offers most of the SLPA required courses, which are online. Since all of Chemeketa's SLPA courses are online, and the practicum is arranged locally, students are able to complete an AAS degree from Chemeketa and become eligible for the SLPA certification without the need to travel out of the Lane County area.

To earn either an SLPA Certification or the SLPA AAS degree, a student must complete a total of 90 credits: 45 credits of general education and 45 credits of required SLPA courses. The SLPA program description is available at speechpathology.chemeketa.edu.

All students must apply to and be accepted into Chemeketa's SLPA program before they are eligible to enroll in Chemeketa's SLPA courses. Current information regarding prerequisites, admissions procedures, and program costs is available at chemeketa.edu/programs/slpa/process. Lane students may enroll in two of the SLPA courses that are offered at Lane, ED 258 Multicultural Education, ED 130 Comprehensive Classroom Management without admission to the SLPA program.

A student enrolled continuously at Lane or Chemeketa, or enrolled continuously in a combination of courses alternating between the colleges, will be able to use the requirements in place when the student entered the program. Chemeketa's two year interruption clause will apply. A candidate for the AAS in SLPA may be enrolled at either Lane or Chemeketa during the final term of classes and need not be enrolled at Chemeketa in the term the graduation application is submitted.

Wages Data from Chemeketa indicate that the pay range for SLPAs is \$14 to \$20 per hour with benefits. Most jobs currently are in school districts (K-12) or with Lane Educational Service Districts

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Required Chemeketa Courses to be eligible for SLPA

certification:

- ED169 Overview of Students with Special Needs
- ED229 Learning and Development
- SLP180 Survey of Speech and Language Disorders
- SLP181 Phonetics for Language
- SLP182 Intervention Strategies for SLP Assistants
- SLP183 Introduction to Language Development
- SLP184 Language Therapy
- SLP185 Anatomy and Physiology of Speech and Language
- SLP186 Speech Intervention in Children, Adolescents and Adults
- SLP187 Clinical Documentation and Materials Management for the SLPA
- SLP188 Communication Disorders in Low Incidence Populations

Required Lane Courses to be eligible for SLPA certification:

ED130 Comprehensive Classroom Management.....	3
ED258 Multicultural Education	3
ED280 Cooperative Education: SLPA.....	6

Cooperative Education is part of the 45 credits that make up the OAR requirement of the Oregon Board for Speech Language Pathology and Audiology for 45 credits in speech language pathology technical coursework. Lane's ED 280 has a special section exclusively for SLPA students. Co-op courses require onsite clinical interaction and a weekly seminar with reading and assignments geared toward the direct clinical practice of a speech language pathology assistant. In collaboration with the SLPA program at Chemeketa, Lane provides a local practicum supervisor licensed in the SLPA field.

Additional Lane general education courses are required for Chemeketa's Associate of Applied Science Degree, Speech Language Pathology Assistant. Students choosing to earn Chemeketa's Associate of Applied Science Degree in addition to the SLPA Certificate may complete general education coursework at Lane. Students must pass the following courses with a grade of "C" or better:

Writing

WR 121 English Composition: Exposition and Introduction to Argument, or higher4 credits

Mathematics

Math 070 Elementary Algebra, or higher4 credits
Recommended course

MTH 211 Fundamentals Elementary Math 14 credits

Computer Literacy

CS 120 Concepts of Computing or 3-4 credits
CIS 101 Computer Fundamentals

Speech

SP 100 or higher4 credits

Any Speech course from Lane's Associate of Arts Oregon

Transfer degree approved Arts and Letters offerings**4 credits

Physical Education or Health3 credits

Any course from Lane's Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree approved Health offerings.

Recommended course

HE 252 First Aid3 credits

Humanities/Fine Arts9 credits

Any courses from Lane's Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree approved Arts and Letters offerings. **

Recommended course

ENG 100 Children's Literature4 credits

Social Science 12 credits

Any courses from Lane's Associate of Arts Oregon Transfer degree approved Arts and Letters offerings. **

Science9 credits

Any two 4 credit classes from Lane's biological sciences with laboratories or physical sciences with laboratories course offerings.

**Because of the variety and extent of courses that qualify in Social Science, Arts and Humanities, and Science please refer to the appropriate Lane catalog for a complete list of approved courses in these areas.

Standard footnotes:

- * Prerequisite required
- A Meets Arts/Letters requirement
- B Must be passed with grade of "B-" or better to use as a prerequisite
- D Degree or certificate requirement; must be passed with grade of "C-" or better
- G Must be taken for a grade, not P/NP; major requirement

- H Meets Human Relations/Social Science requirement
- M Meets Mathematics requirement
- P Meets PE/Health requirement
- R Required for AAS degree
- S Meets Science/Math/Computer Science requirement
- W Meets Written Communications or English Composition requirement