



OKLAHOMA CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Dear Potential SLPA Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the online AAS Degree, Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Program at Oklahoma City Community College. We offer a 61 credit hour program. The SLPA curriculum prepares graduates to work under the supervision of a licensed speech-language pathologist in school and healthcare settings. Courses provide instruction in methods of screening for speech, language, and hearing disorders and in following written protocols designed to remediate individual communication delays or disorders. Supervised clinical experiences include working with clients of various ages and with various communication delays or disorders. Graduates who meet application for licensure requirements are eligible to apply for a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant License with the Oklahoma Board of Examiners for Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology (OBESPA) and an SLPA Teaching Certificate/Credential with the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE). The enclosed information provides an overview of Program requirements.

Admission to the OCCC SLPA Program is a two-part process. You must apply to be admitted to the college (OCCC) and then apply for admission to the OCCC SLPA Program. Applicants are chosen on a preferential point system. When applying to the SLPA Program you will need to speak with a Student Success advisor who will provide information on the application process for the SLPA Program. Student Success advisors are located in the Office of Student Success Advising located in the main building. No appointment is required by that office; however, you may request one by calling 405-682-7535.

Online applications for entry into the Fall 2022 cohort open Monday, February 6, 2023 with a deadline of Noon, (12 p.m.) June 2, 2023.

I am excited that you are choosing this profession and will be available to assist you at any time!

Sincerely,

Sarah M. Baker, MS, CCC-SLP / SLPA Program Director

Students entering the SLPA program are expected to display mastery of the English language with proficient oral communication skills. The student must be able to correctly model appropriate speech and language behaviors.

Students are admitted to the online SLPA program in the fall semester. Currently 20 students are admitted each year. Students accepted into the program must attend a **mandatory two-day** orientation, on the OCCC campus, **August 7-8, 2023**. All SLPA academic courses are presented online with the exception of clinic experiences. The SLPA Program is a two-year (five semester) program with general education, support, and major (SLPA) coursework, along with an observation component of 25 hours. There are two Clinical Experience Courses (Fall 2 and Spring 2). Clinical Experience I and Clinical Experience II can be completed near your residence at facilities designated by OCCC. Clinical Experiences require a minimum of 8 hours of clinical fieldwork to be completed during a traditional work week for the fall and spring semesters of the second year in the program.

Admission Requirements

It is suggested that admission requirements be met in the following order:

1. OCCC Admission Application
2. Official documentation of high school graduation or GED completion if applicable
3. **Official** transcripts of **ALL** college work
4. Placement tests
5. SLPA Program Application

The application process is completed online through the ONBASE software system. Please collect all documents necessary to complete the application prior to finalizing your application. Only complete applications will be accepted.

A felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to attain state licensure with OBESPA and a teaching certificate credential with the OSDE. For further information, please contact OBESPA:

Oklahoma Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology
P.O. Box 53592
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73152
(405) 524-4955
Toll Free Number 1-866-840-2774

Oklahoma State Department of Education
Teacher Certification Department
2500 N. Lincoln Blvd #121
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105
(405) 521-3337

Please Note:

Due to clinical agency requirements, all students within the Health Professions programs must obtain an extensive, nationwide background report that includes, but is not limited to, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) searches for sex offender, violent offender, and criminal history.

Drug testing is required for all students in the Division of Health Professions. Each student will provide a sample for a 10 panel, pre-placement, random drug test prior to the first clinical assignment. Students must produce a negative drug result to remain eligible for the program. If a student is prescribed normal daily medications, from a medical professional, a Medical Review Officer will determine eligibility. Any student receiving a confirmed positive drug test from the MRO, one time, will not be eligible to continue in the program, at that time, but may reapply to any of the Division Programs for a future semester – based on program application procedures but readmission is not guaranteed.

Failure of a second drug test will result in dismissal from any of the HP Programs with no opportunity for readmission. Any break in continuous enrollment will result in an additional pre-placement drug test, at the cost of the student. Licensing agencies require that any criminal history or positive drug test results must be reported to the appropriate licensing agency. **Please note – while medical marijuana is legal in the State of Oklahoma, it is not accepted in healthcare or in any of the Health Professions Programs at OCCC. A positive test for marijuana will result in the student's loss of eligibility to remain in a HP Program.**

Information regarding the background reports, drug-testing requirements, and the procedures for accessing and submitting the required information will be forwarded to students who are selected for admission into the SLPA Program. Prior to selection for admission, if you desire more information regarding the required background reports/checks or the mandatory drug testing, please contact the Division of Health Professions at (405) 682-7507.

Grade Progression Policy

- A grade point of 2.5 and a minimum grade of “C” are required for all courses.
- All SLPA coursework must be taken in sequence; each semester’s courses are prerequisite for the following term.
- Any student not making a “C” in an SLPA course must wait until the same course is offered again, retake and pass the course prior to taking SLPA courses designated later in the course sequence.
- If a student is unsuccessful in a course (excluding Clinical Experiences I & II) the course may be retaken one (1) additional time to achieve success. If the SLPA class is not successfully completed upon the second attempt, the student will not be allowed to continue taking SLPA courses and will be dropped from the SLPA program.
- Any student who does not successfully complete Clinical Experiences I or II may repeat either the Clinical Experience I or II **one time** for success. Note: You cannot fail both once and retake both once. If the second attempt is unsuccessful, the student will be dropped from the SLPA Program.

Applicants may complete non-SLPA major coursework (general education or support coursework) prior to acceptance into the SLPA program, however this is not required.

Note:

Each applicant is responsible for:

- *completing admission requirements*
- *confirming receipt of letters and documents in the admissions office*
- *keeping OCCC informed in writing of any personal information changes*
- *keeping copies of all documentation submitted to OCCC (i.e., CPR, etc.)*

For additional information, please contact:

Division of Health Professions
Oklahoma City Community College
7777 S. May Ave
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73159
405-682-7507

Note: *Since health program standards are mandated by accrediting and regulatory agencies, revisions to the above information may be necessary. Efforts will be made to keep changes to a minimum and finalized one year in advance of the starting date of the program; however, the college reserves the right to revise any part or section as necessary.*

**SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PROGRAM
CLINICAL REQUIREMENT LIST – FALL 2022**

You will **not** be allowed to attend any clinic experience (field trip/school or healthcare observation activity) without completion of the following. Note: According to Oklahoma State Law/Policies, OCCC is not, under any circumstance, permitted to return or duplicate student compliance documents, to include immunizations, once submitted. Please retain your original documents and provide the Division of Health Professions copies only.

ITEM	EXPLANATION	COST
TB TESTING	<p>Tuberculosis (T.B. or PPD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two negative TB's required initially and then renewed with one additional TB annually OR • A Quantiferon Gold Test – (equivalent to a titer) • Documented positive TB test with documented negative chest x-ray AND negative annual review of symptoms which will remain current the entire semester AND release for public contact signed by Health Department. <p><u>The test must remain current the entire semester.</u></p> <p>Note: After the two- step, you will need one TB skin test annually to remain current.</p> <p>Note: You must get TB before MMR or Varicella for accuracy of results</p>	varies
IMMUNIZATIONS	<p>MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two MMR vaccinations OR • A positive titer for each. 	varies
	<p>Varicella (Chicken Pox)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A positive Varicella titer OR • 2 Varicella vaccinations 	varies
	<p>Hepatitis – B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete series (three (3) shots) of vaccinations against Hepatitis – B OR • A signed letter of declination OR • A positive titer 	varies
	<p>A CURRENT Flu Vaccine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vaccines run Fall through Spring • Must be repeated annually <p>A new vaccine is required every Fall.</p>	varies
	<p>A CURRENT Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult booster 	varies

BACKGROUND CHECKS	Due to clinical agency requirements, all students must obtain an extensive, Nationwide Background Report, which includes, but is not limited to, Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) searches for sex offender, violent offender, and criminal history. A link to request and pay for the report will be emailed to you on or shortly following the orientation days. NOTE: Any break in continuous enrollment will require a new Background Report before participating in a clinical rotation at any facility.	\$42.50 (SurScan)
DRUG TESTING	Drug Testing is required for all students in the Division of Health Professions. Each student will receive a random, pre-placement drug test prior to the first clinical assignment. The \$40.00 fee will be included with your tuition and fees. Health Professions Division policy stipulates that, if a student has a non-negative drug test one time, he/she may reapply to any of the Division programs. If there is a second non-negative result, there will be no additional opportunities to enroll in OCCC Division programs. NOTE: Any break in continuous enrollment will require an additional pre-placement test before participating in a clinical rotation at any facility.	\$40.00 (SurScan)
C.P.R. TRAINING <i>(Must be American Heart Association -Basic Life Saver-Healthcare Provider)</i>	C.P.R. Training is required and can be obtained through Recreation and Community Service at (405) 682-7560 or through Health Professions Division Office at (405) 682-7507 in a one-day format. Documentation of successful completion of this training must be submitted to the Health Professions Office.	\$25.00 to \$50.00
HIPAA and BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING (MEDCOM)	Training in HIPAA and Bloodborne Pathogens will be required. Information regarding training will be provided at the two-day new student orientation. Documentation of successful completion of the training must be submitted to the Health Professions Office.	
SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING (MEDCOM)	All students are required to complete the online sexual harassment training. Print certificate and submit to HP Division Office. Instructions will be distributed on the first day of class.	

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program Estimated Costs**Tuition and Fees**

\$135.29/credit hour x 61 credit hours (in-state)	\$8,252.69
\$326.99/credit hour x 61 credit hours (out-of-state)	\$19,946.39
New Student Applications/Records Processing Fee	\$30.00

Health Requirements

CPR Training (\$25.00 - \$50.00) (Textbook is additional cost)	\$50.00
Immunizations	varies
Liability Insurance (\$30.00 estimated cost per year for 2 years)	\$60.00

Background and Drug Testing

Nationwide Background Report	\$42.50
Drug Test	\$40.00

Clinical Tracking Package

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Graduation Expenses

Cap and Gown	\$50.00
Application for Oklahoma licensure	\$85.00
ASHA Certification Exam (voluntary)	\$249.00

Approximate Total

In-State Residents	<i>Excluding Textbooks</i>	\$8904.19
Out-of-State Residents	<i>Excluding Textbooks</i>	\$20,597.89

The above costs are approximate and are subject to change.

2022-2023 SLPA CURRICULUM SEQUENCE			*Suggested general education sequencing
Term 1 (Fall Early 8)			
Prefix	Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
SLPA	1013	Foundations of Speech-Language	3
SLPA	1033	Professional Issues for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants	3
SCL	1001	Success in College and Life	1*
Term 2 (Fall Late 8)			
SLPA	1063	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech & Hearing Mechanism	3
ENGL	1113	English Composition I	3*
		TOTAL FALL YEAR 1	13
Term 3 (Spring Early 8)			
Prefix	Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
SLPA	1023	Phonetics	3
SLPA	1053	Language Disorders in the Exceptional Child	3
Term 4 (Spring Late 8)			
SLPA	1043	Introduction to Speech Sound Disorders	3
HIST	1483 OR	US History to the Civil War OR	
HIST	1493	US History since the Civil War	3*
ENGL	1213	English Composition II	3*
		TOTAL SPRING YEAR 1	15
Term 5 (Summer)			
Prefix	Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
SLPA	1073	School Issues for the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	3
SLPA	1083	Instructional Procedures in Communications Disorders	3
		TOTAL SUMMER YEAR 1	6

Term 6 (Fall Early 8 Weeks)			
Prefix	Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
SLPA	2043	Adult Neurogenic Communication Disorders and Treatment	3
SLPA	2033	Clinical Experience I (16 Weeks)	3
PSY	1113	General Psychology	3*
Term 7 (Fall Late 8 Weeks)			
SLPA	2023	Autism	3
SLPA	2033	Clinical Experience I (Continued from Term 6)	
MATH	1503	Contemporary Mathematics OR	
MATH	2013	Introduction to Statistics	3*
		TOTAL FALL YEAR 2	15
Term 8 (Spring Early 8 Weeks)			
Prefix	Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
SLPA	2053	Augmentative Communication	3
SLPA	2063	Clinical Experience II	3
Term 9 (Spring Late 8 Weeks)			
SLPA	2013	Medical Issues for the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	3
POLSC	1113	American Federal Government	3*
		TOTAL SPRING YEAR 2	12