



## 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 62-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.

***I am excited that you have chosen this profession and will be available to assist you at any time!***

Sincerely,

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

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, **July 22-23, 2024**. All SLPA academic courses are presented online except for 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.

***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.***

***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

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 earning a minimum of a “C” in any 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 2023**

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
<b>TB TESTING</b>	<p><b>Tuberculosis (T.B. or PPD)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two negative TB's required initially and then renewed with one additional TB annually <b>OR</b></li> <li>• A Quantiferon Gold Test – (equivalent to a titer)</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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><b>Note: You must get TB before MMR or Varicella for accuracy of results</b></p>	varies
<b>IMMUNIZATIONS</b>	<p><b>MMR (measles, mumps, rubella)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two MMR vaccinations <b>OR</b></li> <li>• A positive titer for each.</li> </ul>	varies
	<p><b>Varicella (Chicken Pox)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A positive Varicella titer <b>OR</b></li> <li>• 2 Varicella vaccinations</li> </ul>	varies
	<p><b>Hepatitis – B</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete series (three (3) shots) of vaccinations against Hepatitis – B <b>OR</b></li> <li>• A signed letter of declination <b>OR</b></li> <li>• A positive titer</li> </ul>	varies
	<p><b>A CURRENT Flu Vaccine</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vaccines run Fall through Spring</li> <li>• Must be repeated annually</li> </ul> <p>A new vaccine is required every Fall.</p>	varies
	<p><b>A CURRENT Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough))</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adult booster</li> </ul>	varies

<b>BACKGROUND CHECKS</b>	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. <b>NOTE: Any break in continuous enrollment will require a new Background Report before participating in a clinical rotation at any facility.</b>	\$42.50 <b>(SurScan)</b>
<b>DRUG TESTING</b>	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. A link to request and pay for the report will be emailed to you on or shortly following the orientation days. 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. <b>NOTE: Any break in continuous enrollment will require an additional pre-placement test before participating in a clinical rotation at any facility.</b>	\$43.00 <b>(SurScan)</b>
<b>C.P.R. TRAINING</b> <i>(Must be American Heart Association -Basic Life Saver-Healthcare Provider)</i>	C.P.R. Training is required and can be obtained through the Health Professions Division Office at (405) 682-7507.	\$25.00 to
<b>HIPAA and BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN TRAINING</b>	Training in HIPAA and Bloodborne Pathogens will be required. Information regarding training will be provided at the two-day new student orientation.	\$0.00
<b>SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING</b>	All students are required to complete the online sexual harassment training. Information regarding training will be provided at the two-day new student orientation.	\$0.00
<b>STUDENT LIABILITY INSURANCE</b>	All students are required to purchase student liability insurance annually through their OCCC student portal. Information regarding purchase will be provided at the two-day new student orientation.	\$30.00 annually

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

\$135.29/credit hour x 62 credit hours (in-state)	\$8,387.98
\$326.99/credit hour x 62 credit hours (out-of-state)	\$20,273.38
New Student Applications/Records Processing Fee	\$30.00

**Health Requirements**

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

**Background and Drug Testing** (paid at orientation)

Nationwide Background Report	\$42.50
Drug Test	\$43.00

**Clinical Fees** (included in Tuition/Fees on Bursar account)

Calipso	\$125.00
Master Clinician	\$54.00

**Graduation Expenses**

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

**Approximate Total**

In-State Residents	<i>Excluding Textbooks</i>	\$9172.98
Out-of-State Residents	<i>Excluding Textbooks</i>	\$21058.38

The above costs are approximate and are subject to change.

**2023-2024 Curriculum Plan****Note: All courses require a minimum grade of "C".**

<b>General Education Courses and Support Course</b>	
<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Credit Hours</b>
ENGL 1113 English Composition I	3
ENGL 1213 English Composition II <b>OR</b> BUS 2033 Business Communications	3
HIST 1483 US History to the Civil War <b>OR</b> HIST 1493 US History Since the Civil War	3
PSY 1113 Introduction to Psychology	3
POLSC 1113 American Federal Government	3
MATH 1503 Contemporary Mathematics <b>OR</b> Intro to Statistics	3
SCL 1001 Success in College and Life	1
<b>Total General Education Credit Hours</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Major Courses</b>	
	<b>Credit Hours</b>
<b>Fall Term 1</b>	
SLPA 1013 Foundations of Speech-Language	3
SLPA 1033 Professional Issues for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants	3
<b>Fall Term 2</b>	
SLPA 1063 Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech Mechanism	3
<b>Spring Term 3</b>	
SLPA 1023 Phonetics	3
SLPA 1053 Language Disorders in the Exceptional Child	3
SLPA 1091 Guided Observations *(Full 16-week semester)	1
<b>Spring Term 4</b>	
SLPA 1043 Introduction to Speech Sound Disorders	3
<b>Summer Term 5</b>	
SLPA 1073 School Issues for the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	3
SLPA 1083 Instructional Procedures in Communications Disorders	3
<b>Fall Term 6</b>	
SLPA 2023 Autism	3
SLPA 2033 Clinical Experience I *(Full 16-week semester)	3
<b>Fall Term 7</b>	
SLPA 2053 Augmentative Communications	3
<b>Spring Term 8</b>	
SLPA 2043 Adult Neurogenic Communication Disorders and Treatment	3
SLPA 2063 Clinical Experience II *(Full 16-week semester)	3
<b>Spring Term 9</b>	
SLPA 2013 Medical Issues of the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	3
<b>Total Major credit hours</b>	<b>43</b>
<b>Total AAS Degree credit hours</b>	<b>62</b>