I. Application Process

The online application will be available during posted submission dates at the Health Sciences/SLPA Program website: http://www.slpa.deltacollege.edu Applications are accepted twice each year for entry into fall semester and for entry into spring semester. The San Joaquin Delta College SLPA program is not impacted at this time and there are no additional requirements for acceptance into the program. All applicants who meet the admission criteria will be admitted to the program. Because of limited space to place students in community programs for clinical experiences, some restrictions may exist. Once the online application is completed, the student will receive further information pertaining to background and health clearance requirements that must be completed prior to beginning fieldwork. The additional information will be sent by email in a packet of instructions prior to registration dates for the upcoming semester. All communication from the Health Science Division Office will be sent to the student’s regular Delta College email account.

There are two groups of students who need to apply to the program. Please read the following information to determine which situation applies to you.

I. Delta College SLPA Associate in Science Degree Students:

Students, who intend to complete the Associate of Science Degree for a Speech Language Pathology Assistant, must complete the supplemental application to the SLPA program prior to registering in COMM DIS 003, Communication Disorders: Therapy Analysis and Fieldwork. Students must have a completed application on file in order to register in COMM DIS 003. Additionally in order to be eligible to register into COMM DIS 003, students must have successfully completed COMM DIS 001 and COMM DIS 002 or be concurrently enrolled in these courses.

The introductory courses in the program, COMM DIS 001: Speech, Language and Hearing Development and COMM DIS 002: Introduction to Communication Disorders may be taken without completing the online SLPA Program application. Students may take these introductory courses as an elective or out of interest in pursuing a career in Speech Language Pathology. Those who intend to transfer to University Bachelor’s degree programs in Communication Sciences and Disorders, but do not want to complete the requirements for SLPA licensure at this time, may also wish to complete Comm Dis 001 and Comm Dis 002 but do not need to apply to the SLPA Program.
In order to be admitted to the SLPA program to pursue the SLPA Associate Degree the student must:

1. Be admitted to San Joaquin Delta College in good standing with no holds on college records. If not currently a Delta College student, please be sure to apply to the College several weeks prior to the SLPA program application as you must have Delta College student ID # and email address to complete the SLPA program application. It takes a few days for the system to update itself and recognize new students.
2. Be at least 17 years of age.
3. Satisfy the Delta College assessment placement test requirements.
4. Complete all health and safety requirements necessary for admission to clinical practice sites (details will be provided in the SLPA Information Packet) including:
   a. Background Clearance for criminal history.
   b. Physical Exam.
   c. Immunizations, TB, and Hepatitis and other disease screening
   d. Drug Screen.
   e. Professional Liability Insurance.

II. Advanced Placement Admissions

To be eligible for this option, students must have completed a BA/BS in Communication Sciences and Disorders or Speech Language Pathology. (Other BA/BS degree students are not eligible for this option and must complete all requirements for the SLPA Associate Science Degree.) To be eligible for State licensure under the Advanced Placement option, the Delta College SLPA program requires completion of three courses in the department, Communication Disorders: Therapy Materials and Procedures, COMM DIS 005; Communication Disorders: Issues in Service Delivery, COMM DIS 007; and Communication Disorders: Assessment and Remediation, COMM DIS 009. Advanced Placement Admission students may complete the clinical practicum requirement for licensure space permitting. Priority will be given to Delta College SLPA Associate in Science Degree students.
In order to be admitted to the SLPA program Advanced Placement Admission the student must:

1. Be admitted to San Joaquin Delta College, in good standing with no holds on college records. Please be sure to apply to the College at least several weeks prior to the SLPA program application as you must have Delta College student ID # and email address to complete the SLPA program application. It takes a few days for the system to update itself and recognize new students.

2. Submit official transcripts to the Health Science Division Office, 5151 Pacific Ave, Stockton, CA, 95207, Attention: SLPA Program Director, showing your completed BS/BA degree. Once official transcripts have been received documenting the appropriate Bachelor’s degree, the SLPA Program Director will forward the names of eligible students to the Registrar indicating that the prerequisites for COMM DIS 005, 007 and 009 have been met. Failure to submit documentation will result in the inability to register for the courses.

3. Complete all health and safety requirements necessary for admission to clinical practice sites (details will be provided in the SLPA Information Packet) including:
   a. Background Clearance for criminal history.
   b. Physical Exam.
   c. Immunizations, TB, and Hepatitis and other disease screening
   d. Drug Screen.
   e. Professional Liability Insurance.