



San Joaquin Delta College  
*Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program*

*Application Process*

The online application will be available during posted submission dates at the Health Sciences/[SLPA Program website: https://slpa.deltacollege.edu](https://slpa.deltacollege.edu) All communication from the Health Science Division Office with Delta SLPA Program applicants will be sent to the student's regular Delta College email account. <https://slpa.deltacollege.edu>

Applications are accepted once each year in the spring for entry into the SLPA AS degree Program for the following fall semester and once each year in the fall for Advanced Placement entry into the SLPA program for the following spring semester. All applicants who meet the admission criteria will be placed in a random drawing for the spaces available. Because of limited space to place students in community programs for clinical experiences, some restrictions may exist. Once accepted into the program, 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.

*Who does NOT need to apply to the program*

*The introductory courses in the program are open to all students at all times. COMM DIS 001A: Introduction to Communication Disorders and COMM DIS001B: Speech Language and Hearing Development may be taken without acceptance into the SLPA Program.* 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 take these classes but **do not** need to apply to the SLPA Program. Students may also take these introductory courses as an elective or out of interest/curiosity in pursuing a career in Speech Language Pathology without applying to the program.

*Who DOES need to apply to the program*

There are two groups of students who need to apply to the program. They are SLPA AS degree seeking students and Advanced Placement SLPA students. 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 be accepted into the SLPA Program in order to register for COMM DIS 003.

SLPA AS Degree program prerequisites must be completed or may be in progress at the time of application. Grade C or higher is accepted:

- COMM DIS 001A - Introduction to Communication Disorders
- English 1A – Reading and Composition
- HS 019 – Human Development

SLPA AS degree program corequisite may be completed concurrently with COMM DIS 003 or prior with a grade of C or better:

- COMM DIS 001B - Speech, Language and Hearing Development

In addition to the prerequisite coursework in order to be eligible for admission 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. Submit required documentation to the Health Science Division Office by the stated due date.
  - a. Unofficial transcripts from a regionally accredited institution demonstrating completion or current enrollment in prerequisite course work required for program admission. **Highlight the prerequisites and corequisite courses** on your transcript.
    - i. For course work completed at Delta College only unofficial transcripts is required.
    - ii. For coursework completed at other colleges, **you must** include a catalog description of the prerequisite classes from the institution where



completed for the purpose of determining equivalency. Descriptions must come from the specific catalog for the year the course was completed.

- b. Provide a copy of your DMV issued driver's license or DMV ID card or other US government issued ID card.
- c. Place all documents in a 9 x 12 envelope and address as listed below.

Health Science Division Office  
SLPA Program ATTN: Susan Kidwell  
5151 Pacific Ave  
Stockton, CA 95207

**Due to COVID-19, documents mail delivered ONLY and postmarked by Wednesday, April 21, 2021. It is strongly suggested you mail through a service that will provide delivery confirmation. Failure to submit the required documentation by the stated due date in one envelope will result in student disqualification for the current application period.**

5. Complete all health and safety requirements necessary for admission to clinical practice sites (detailed instructions will be provided in the SLPA Information Packet for those who are accepted) 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
  - f. HIPPA Training

## **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 with a minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher. (Other BA/BS degree students are not eligible for this option and must complete all requirements for the SLPA Associate Science Degree. See above.) To be eligible for State licensure under the Advanced Placement option, the Delta College SLPA program requires completion of three courses in the department,



Therapy Materials and Procedures- COMM DIS 005; Issues in Service Delivery- COMM DIS 007; and 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. For further information regarding clinical practicum site locations, please see the Frequently Asked Questions tab.

In order to be eligible for admission to the SLPA program with Advanced Placement Status 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 required documentation to the Health Science Division Office by the stated due date **in one envelope**.
  - a. Official *sealed* transcripts from a regionally accredited institution demonstrating completion of a Bachelor's degree in Communication Sciences and Disorders or Speech Language Pathology with a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher. **Do not have the University mail transcripts directly to Delta College. See instructions below.**
  - b. Provide a copy of your DMV issued driver's license or DMV ID card or other US government issued ID card.
  - c. Place all documents in a 9 x 12 envelope and address as follows:  
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3. Complete all health and safety requirements necessary for admission to clinical practice sites (detailed instructions will be provided in the SLPA Information Packet for those accepted) 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
  - f. HIPPA Training