

SLPA's

1. ASHA 2004 document "Frequently Asked Questions Speech-Language Pathology Assistants"
 - a. Assistants cannot replace qualified SLPs. Rather, they can support clinical services provided by SLPs. ASHA guidelines were developed to ensure that speech-language pathology services provided to the public are of the highest quality and that SLPs continue to be responsible for maintaining the quality of service. According to ASHA guidelines and state licensure laws, no one can employ a SLPA without an SLP as supervisor.
2. ASHA guidelines and the Arizona State licensure limit the number of SLPAs an SLP may supervise and define boundaries for how assistants are used.
3. ASHA 2004 document "Training, Use, and Supervision of Support Personnel in Speech-Language Pathology"
 - a. "Support personnel in speech-language pathology perform tasks as prescribed, directed, and supervised by ASHA-certified speech-language pathologists. Support personnel can be used to increase the availability, frequency, and efficiency of services."
 - b. "The use of well trained and supervised support personnel is one way to increase the frequency of services while maintaining the quality of services provided."
4. The Legislature passed a SLPA licensure statute in the 2006 session that ADHS is working on the rules and regulations for.

Estrella Mountain Community College

- What programs and classes do you offer to prepare undergraduates to work as SLT's (and SLAs)?

We do not offer a program for Speech Language Technicians (SLT). We offer one course; SLP298AA for 1 credit for SLT applicants to gain 50 observation hours required for AZ Department of Education Certification. It is unknown how long we can sustain this course as the SLPA program grows.

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant is designed to provide comprehensive academic and practical education and training for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants. The program provides training in working with speech and language disordered adults and children, including bilingual populations. The program content is based upon the recommendations of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Arizona State Licensure Statue for Speech Language Pathology Assistants. In addition to work in the classroom, the program provides students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in working with clients/patients in a variety of settings under the direction and supervision of an ASHA certified speech-language pathologist.

Required Courses: Credits: 32

	SLP104	Speech, Language, Hearing Development	3
+	SLP205	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
	SLP210	Speech and Hearing Anatomy and Physiology	3
	SLP212	Language Disorders and Rehabilitation	3
	+SLP214	Speech Disorders and Rehabilitation	3
+	SLP215	Speech and Hearing Disorders and Rehabilitation	3
+	SLP217	Clinical Ethics and Documentation	3
+	SLP218	Behavior Management	2
+	SLP235AA	Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (1) AND	
+	SLP235AB	Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (2) OR	
+	SLP235AC	Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (3)	3
+	SLP240	Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication	3
+	SLP242	Low Incidence Disabilities	3

Restricted Electives: Credits: 6-8

	COM263	Elements of Intercultural Communication	3
+	ENG213	Introduction to the Study of Language	3

+ PSY230	Introduction to Statistics	3
+ PSY240	Developmental Psychology	3
+ SLP298++	Special Projects (Any suffixed course)	1-3
SOC101	Introduction to Sociology	3
+ SOC210	The Child in Society	3

Foreign Language Sequence

Any foreign language- i.e. SPA101 AND SPA102 OR SPA101AA AND SPA102AA 6-8

Choose 6-8 credits from the following Foreign Language sequence courses:

ARB+++	any ARB/Arabic sequence courses
CHI+++	any CHI/Chinese sequence courses
FRE+++	any FRE/French sequence courses
GER+++	any GER/German sequence courses
GRK+++	any GRK/Greek sequence courses
HEB+++	any HEB/Hebrew sequence courses
ITA+++	any ITA/Italian sequence courses
JPN+++	any JPN/Japanese sequence courses
POR+++	any POR/Portuguese sequence courses
LAT+++	any LAT/Latin sequence courses
NAV+++	any NAV/Navajo sequence courses
PIM+++	any PIM/Pima sequence courses
RUS+++	any RUS/Russian sequence courses
SPA+++	any SPA/Spanish sequence courses

Free Electives: None

General Education Requirements: Credits: 25-27

CORE Credits: 15-17

First-Year Composition

+ENG101	First-Year Composition (3) AND	
+ENG102	First-Year Composition (3)	6

Oral Communication

COM110	Interpersonal Communication	3
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Critical Reading

CRE101	Critical and Evaluative Reading I (3) OR Equivalent by assessment.	3
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Mathematics

Any approved general education course from the Mathematics area.	3-5
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DISTRIBUTION Credits: 10

Humanities and Fine Arts

Any approved general education course from the Humanities and Fine Arts area.	3
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Social and Behavioral Sciences

PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3
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Natural Sciences

BIO100	Biology Concepts (4) OR	
BIO156	Introductory Biology for Allied Health (4)	4

The Certificate of Completion (CCL) in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant is designed to provide comprehensive academic and practical education and training for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants. The program provides training in working with speech and language disordered adults and children, including bilingual populations. The program content is based upon the recommendations of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) and the Arizona State Licensure Statute for Speech Language Pathology Assistants. In addition to work in the classroom, the program provides students with the opportunity to gain practical experience in working with clients/patients in a variety of settings under the direction and supervision of an ASHA certified speech-language pathologist. The Certificate is only available for students that already have a AA/AS or BA/BS degree.

Required Courses: Credits: 35

+ ENG101	First-Year Composition	3
SLP104	Speech, Language, Hearing Development	3
+ SLP205	Introduction to Communication Disorders	3
SLP210	Speech and Hearing Anatomy and Physiology	3

	SLP212	Language Disorders and Rehabilitation	3
+	SLP214	Speech Disorders and Rehabilitation	3
+	SLP215	Speech and Hearing Disorders and Rehabilitation	3
+	SLP217	Clinical Ethics and Documentation	3
+	SLP218	Behavior Management	2
+	SLP235AA	Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (1) AND	
+	SLP235AB	Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (2) OR	
+	SLP235AC	Speech-Language Pathology Practicum (3)	3
+	SLP240	Assistive Technology and Augmentative Communication	3
+	SLP242	Low Incidence Disabilities	3

- Who administers the program?

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- How many students are enrolled?

We have our first group of about 15 under this new program who are going into their third semester. We will have a new group of starting students in the fall of 08 and anticipate having approximately 15-30 new students. There were also approximately 20-30 that have been working on completing the old SLPA degree which was previously under Scottsdale Community College and brought to EMCC.

- Who are the faculty and what are their qualifications?

Jennifer Buckler

Jennifer Buckler is a speech-language pathologist with over 20 years experience working with the school based population. Mrs. Buckler earned both her Bachelor and Master Degrees from Arizona State University. She is currently Speech Pathology Department lead for Peoria Unified School District in the Northwest Valley. In addition to maintaining an elementary based caseload, supervising Clinical Fellowship Year and Arizona State University interns, Mrs. Buckler also conducts workshops around the state aimed at improving the effectiveness of therapy and sharing new ideas with her peers in the field of speech pathology. Mrs. Buckler is an active member of both the Arizona and American Speech and Hearing Associations.

Amy Heck / Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program Director

Amy Heck acts as an instructor, advisor, and director for the continuing development of the Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program at Estrella Mountain Community College. She has been a Speech Language Pathologist since 1998 and has provided services to children in the Arizona school system. She has been a lead Speech Language Pathologist in a school district and is the Chief Administrative Officer of a private therapy company. She has previously been the president of the Arizona Speech Language Hearing Association and continues to work on a variety of state level committees relating to speech-language and special education services. She received her Master's degree from the University of Northern Colorado and attends continuing education workshops on a regular basis.

Kendra Palmer

Kendra Palmer is originally from California but moved to the Midwest to complete her undergraduate degree. She attended Indiana University and received her undergraduate degree in Speech and Hearing Science. She moved to

the Cincinnati Tri-state area and worked as a Speech Language Pathology Assistant for 8 years in Northern Kentucky. She then went on to get her Master's Degree in Speech Pathology at University of Cincinnati. After living in the Midwest she was ready to move closer to the west coast and settled in Phoenix, AZ upon completion of graduate school. She currently is working full time providing speech-language therapy in schools, as well as enjoying helping others how to become a Speech Language Pathology Assistant. Her main interests in the field of speech pathology include language and literacy, phonological processing, and short term interventions in the classroom for children who have language difficulties. In her spare time she enjoys going to sporting events and playing with her two dogs.

Kelly Ross

Kelly Ross acts as an instructor of the Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program at EMCC. She has been a Speech Language Pathologist since 1984 and has provided services to children in the Arizona school system and a variety of medical settings. She has been a lead Speech Language Pathologist in a school district and has provided trainings to other Speech Language Pathologists. She received her Master's degree from Northern Arizona University and attends continuing education workshops on a regular basis.

Kari Watson

Kari Watson joined Estrella Mountain Community College as an adjunct faculty member in the Spring of 2007 to help develop and promote the Speech Language Pathology Assistant Program. She has worked as a certified and licensed Speech Language Pathologist for over 11 years. She received her Masters degree in Speech Language Pathology from Kent State University and her Bachelors of Arts degree in Speech Language Pathology and Audiology from Northern Arizona University. Kari has been fortunate to have worked in a variety of settings, which included a hospital, subacute tracheostomy and ventilator unit, skilled nursing facility, an inpatient rehabilitation unit, home health, private practice, and in the educational setting. Kari is currently supervising Speech Language Pathologists in school districts throughout the Phoenix and Tucson areas. She also currently serves on the board of the Arizona Speech and Hearing Association.

- What is your projected growth?

Unknown

- How do you recruit students?

EMCC distributes fliers regarding the SLPA program to districts listserv, the Dept of Education, and on campus. We also be starting to recruit from the high school counseling end within the next year.

- What is the cost per unit of classes?

Registration Fee - \$15.00

County Resident Tuition**

Cost per credit hour - \$65.00

**County Resident Tuition effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 is \$71.00 per credit hour

Out of County Tuition**

1-6 credits - \$90.00/credit hour

7+ credits * - \$268.00/credit hour

**Out of County Tuition effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 is \$96.00 per credit hour - 7+ credits TBD

Out of State Tuition

1-6 credits - \$90.00/credit hour

7+ credits * - \$280.00/credit hour

**Out of State Tuition effective July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 is \$96.00 per credit hour - 7+ credits TBD

*Students who register for 7 or more credits (7+) will be charged \$251.00 Out of County or \$280.00 Out of State per credit hour for all credits, including the first 1-6 credits. This applies to all combined credits from any of the Maricopa Community Colleges per semester.

All tuition and fees are subject to change pending MCCC Governing Board approval.