

# CURRICULUM STANDARD

Effective Term  
Fall 2007  
[2007\*03]

Curriculum Program Title	<b>Speech-Language Pathology Assistant</b>	Program Code	<b>A45730</b>
Concentration	<b>(not applicable)</b>	CIP Code	<b>51.0816</b>

## Curriculum Description

The Speech-Language Pathology Assistant curriculum prepares graduates to work under the supervision of a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist, who evaluates, diagnoses, and treats individuals with various communication disorders.

Courses provide instruction in methods of screening for speech, language, and hearing disorders and in following written protocols designed to remedial individual communication problems. Supervised field experiences include working with patients of various ages and with various disorders.

Graduates may be eligible for registration with the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathologists and Audiologists and must be supervised by a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist. They may be employed in healthcare or education settings.

## Curriculum Requirements\*

*[for associate degree, diploma, and certificate programs in accordance with 1D SBCCC 400.10]*

- I. **General Education.** Degree programs must contain a minimum of 15 semester hours including at least one course from each of the following areas: humanities/fine arts, social/behavioral sciences, and natural sciences/mathematics. Degree programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of communications. Diploma programs must contain a minimum of 6 semester hours of general education; 3 semester hours must be in communications. General education is optional in certificate programs.
- II. **Major Hours.** AAS, diploma, and certificate programs must include courses which offer specific job knowledge and skills. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit. *(See second page for additional information.)*
- III. **Other Required Hours.** A college may include courses to meet graduation or local employer requirements in a certificate, diploma, or associate in applied science program. These curriculum courses shall be selected from the Combined Course Library and must be approved by the System Office prior to implementation. Restricted, unique, or free elective courses may not be included as other required hours.

	<b>AAS</b>	<b>Diploma</b>	<b>Certificate</b>
Minimum General Education Hours	15	6	0
Minimum Major Hours	49	30	12
Other Required Hours	0-7	0-4	0-1
<b>Total Semester Hours Credit (SHC)</b>	<b>64-76</b>	<b>36-48</b>	<b>12-18</b>

*\*Within the degree program, the institution shall include opportunities for the achievement of competence in reading, writing, oral communication, fundamental mathematical skills, and basic use of computers.*

## Major Hours

- A. Core.** The subject/course core is comprised of subject areas and/or specific courses which are required for each curriculum program. A diploma program offered under an approved AAS program standard or a certificate which is the highest credential level awarded under an approved AAS program standard must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit derived from the subject/course core of the AAS program.
- B. Concentration** (*if applicable*). A concentration of study must include a minimum of 12 semester hours credit from required subjects and/or courses. The majority of the course credit hours are unique to the concentration. The required subjects and/or courses that make up the concentration of study are in addition to the required subject/course core.
- C. Other Major Hours.** Other major hours must be selected from prefixes listed on the curriculum standard. A maximum of 9 semester hours of credit may be selected from any prefix listed, with the exception of prefixes listed in the core or concentration. Work-based learning may be included in associate in applied science degrees up to a maximum of 8 semester hours of credit; in diploma programs up to a maximum of 4 semester hours of credit; and in certificate programs up to a maximum of 2 semester hours of credit.

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	AAS	Diploma	Certificate
<b>Minimum Major Hours Required</b>	<b>49 SHC</b>	<b>30 SHC</b>	<b>12 SHC</b>
<b>A. CORE</b>	<b>45-46 SHC</b>	<b>NR</b>	
<b>Required Courses:</b>			
PSY 265 Behavioral Modification	3 SHC		
SLP 111 Ethics and Standards for SLPAs	3 SHC		
SLP 112 SLPA Anatomy and Physiology	3 SHC		
SLP 120 SLPA Administrative Procedures & Mgt	2 SHC		
SLP 130 Phonetics & Speech Patterns	3 SHC		
SLP 140 Normal Communications	3 SHC		
SLP 211 Developmental Disorders	4 SHC		
SLP 212 Acquired Disorders	5 SHC		
SLP 220 Assistive Technology	2 SHC		
SLP 230 SLPA Fieldwork	4 SHC		
SLP 231 SLPA Fieldwork Seminar	3 SHC		
<b>Required Subject Areas:</b>			
<b>Anatomy &amp; Physiology. Select one:</b>			
BIO 163 Basic Anatomy & Physiology	5 SHC		
BIO 166 Anatomy & Physiology II	4 SHC		
BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II	4 SHC		
<b>Oral Communication: Select one:</b>			
COM 110 Introduction to Communication	3 SHC		
COM 111 Voice and Diction I	3 SHC		
COM 120 Intro Interpersonal Com	3 SHC		
COM 231 Public Speaking	3 SHC		
ENG 115 Oral Communication	3 SHC		
<b>Psychology. Select one:</b>			
PSY 110 Life Span Development	3 SHC		
PSY 241 Developmental Psychology	3 SHC		
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<b>B. CONCENTRATION</b> <i>(Not applicable)</i>			
<b>C. OTHER MAJOR HOURS</b> <i>To be selected from the following prefixes:</i>  ANT, ASL, BIO, BUS, CIS, COM, CSC, DDT, EDU, ENG, GRO, HSE, IPP, MED, OST, PSY, SLP, SOC, and WBL  <i>Up to two semester hour credits may be selected from ACA.</i>  <i>Up to three semester hour credits may be selected from the following            prefixes: ARA, ASL, CHI, FRE, GER, ITA, JPN, LAT, POR, RUS and SPA.</i>			