

Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Pathway

The Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders (CDIS) at Oklahoma State University is offering a SLPA pathway starting from Fall 2019. This SLPA pathway is intended to train individuals to assist speech-language pathologists (SLPs) in service delivery for people with communication disorders. Completing the SLPA pathway allows you to work towards gaining SLPA licensure within the state of Oklahoma or other states that have SLPA licensing.

To know about the current academic requirements for SLPA and scope of practice for SLPA in the state of Oklahoma, please click [HERE](#). For requirements for other states, go online to that state's Board of Examiners or Licensing Boards for Speech/Language Pathology Assistant or Licensing Boards.

Requirements for application to SLPA pathway:

- Complete the CDIS undergraduate program or the certificate program offered by the Department of Communication Disorders at Oklahoma State University with a minimum of 3.0 GPA
- Complete the SPLA application and submit between May 1 -May 15th or December 1 - December 15th .
- Complete the SLPA Pathway [application form](#) and turn it in by the Spring/Fall deadline

Coursework:

- Students who are accepted to the SLPA **pathway** will be required to enroll in CDIS 4010 for 3-credit hours.

Nature of the program:

All accepted students will be placed at different clinic centers that range from schools to hospitals to earn the required 100 clinical contact clock hours. Students can request to be placed at specific clinic centers, but please know that there is no guarantee that a student will be placed at a center that he/she requested. All the clinic placement centers are thoroughly vetted by our SLPA coordinator to ensure that the student is able to earn the 100 clinic contact hours in a reasonable timeframe. Although we make every possible attempt to ensure that students are able to earn the required 100 clinic clock hours within a span of 2-3 months, occasionally it can be beyond that as the caseload may vary considerably across the centers where students are placed.

For further information about the SLPA program, please contact our SLPA coordinator:

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