

**University of Colorado at Boulder**  
**Department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences**  
**Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA)**  
**Professional Certificate Program**

SLPAs work directly with children with communication challenges in public school settings under the supervision of a fully certified speech language pathologist. SLPAs have a significant role in enhancing the quality of speech language services for children and adolescents that need support and services for communication, reading, and writing.

This certificate program provides the opportunity to meet the requirements for authorization in the state of Colorado and develop the knowledge and skills to work under the supervision of a certified Speech Pathologist. This certificate is appropriate for individuals with a BA or completing a BA (senior year) or equivalent in the department of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences or a comparable program.

**Application Procedures:** Application for the SLPA certificate program will include a letter of intent with contact information (name, address, phone, email), transcript(s), and one letter of recommendation. Please send to Lynea Pearson, Program Coordinator at [lynea.pearson@colorado.edu](mailto:lynea.pearson@colorado.edu) (303-492-3038).

**Requirements for admission include:**

- ❑ GPA of 2.7 or above
- ❑ Senior standing in SLHS, BA in Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences or completion of 24 credits of “leveling” course in Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences.

The courses below are offered by the Speech, Language, Hearing Sciences Department at the University of Colorado. Equivalent courses will also meet this requirement, if approved by the program coordinator. These requirements also follow the Colorado Department of Education SLPA Authorization.

**Pre-Requisite Courses/ Course Equivalents:**

SLHS 4560	Language Development (3 credits)
SLHS 4502	Language Disorders: Child and Adult (3 credits)
SLHS 4704	Audiological Evaluation (3 credits)
SLHS 3106	Hearing Science (3 credits)
SLHS 3116	Speech Science (3 credits)
SLHS 4714	Audiological Rehabilitation (3 credits)
SLHS 4512	Speech Disorders: Voice, Cleft, Motor, Stuttering (3 credits)
LING 3100	Sound Structure of Language (3)

**Required Courses for the Professional Certificate ~ SLPA**

SLHS 4918/5018: Introduction to Clinical Practice (2 credits).

Offered Fall and Spring Semesters

SLHS 5032: Competencies & Strategies for the SLPA (3 credits) Spring Semester  
Includes Roles and Responsibilities of the SLPA, Working in the Public Schools,  
Service Delivery Models, Health and Safety, Screening, Assistive Technology,  
Introduction to Intervention, Documentation, Self Reflection and Evaluation

SLHS 5038: SLPA Internship (4) Spring Semester:  
Placement for 12 hours per week for a total of 180 hours including 100 direct  
contact hours.

After you have received an official acceptance letter from the program, you may register  
online through Continuing Education [www.colorado.edu/conted](http://www.colorado.edu/conted) . Complete information  
is available at [www.colorado.edu/cewww](http://www.colorado.edu/cewww). Each graduate credit costs \$270 - \$300.  
Total cost for the professional certificate is about \$2,000.