

**CERRITOS COLLEGE
HEALTH OCCUPATIONS DIVISION
SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PROGRAM**

**APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION
(Fall 2026 Start)
DUE 03/01/2026 (by 5:00pm PST)**

The Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Program offers an Associate of Science degree in SLPA. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply for California state licensure as a SLPA from the California Speech-Language Pathology, Audiology, and Hearing Aid Dispensers' Board. Licensed SLPAs have the opportunity to apply for work settings such as: in-home health; public, non-public, and charter schools; and, medical settings such as private clinics, and rehabilitation centers.

STEP ONE: PREPARING TO TURN IN YOUR APPLICATION

1. Apply to Cerritos College (if not already a student) and obtain a student ID. You must be at least 18 years of age.
2. Review the required prerequisite coursework and catalog/curriculum requirements (available at <https://www.cerritos.edu/slpa>) if you have not already done so. Schedule an online appointment with a Health Sciences and Wellness Pathway counselor or SLPA Department Chair if you have questions about any course equivalencies.
3. Download and read a copy of the Technical Standards/Essential Functions and SLPA Handbook on the SLPA website at: <https://www.cerritos.edu/slpa>. You will need to sign that you have read and understand the Technical Standards/ Essential Functions and SLPA Handbook by **initializing** the corresponding item on the first page of the application.
- 4a. Download the application file from this website: <https://www.cerritos.edu/slpa>. Open the file in Adobe Acrobat and complete the application in the Adobe Acrobat application on your computer, not in the web browser. Neatly handwritten or typed entries will be accepted. If handwritten, scan the application forms into one .pdf file.
- 4b. **Label the downloaded or scanned .pdf file as follows:** last name_SLPApp_2026 (e.g., Gonzalez_SLPApp_2026).
- 5a. Obtain unofficial transcripts of **all** college coursework to be submitted with your application. Do NOT submit transcripts to Admissions and Records, they will not be forwarded to the SLPA department. *Unofficial transcripts will be accepted for this application cycle.* Applicants with foreign degrees in Speech-Language Pathology or Communication Disorders must have their degrees verified by a Cerritos College approved agency at the student's expense. **All speech-language pathology coursework used as equivalents for the prerequisite courses must be taken within 8 years (SLP 100, SLP 101, SLP 105, SLP 208).** Anatomy and physiology, sign language, child development **do not** have a recency requirement. Math and English courses **do not** have a recency requirement but must meet current [CGEC requirements](#) for an Associate's degree.
- 5b. Convert unofficial transcripts of ALL college coursework into .pdf files; save each college transcript as its own individual .pdf file with your last name_college_Transcriptnumber (e.g., "Gonzalez_CSULA_Transcript1", "Gonzalez_ELAC_Transcript2").

Students will be required to provide Admissions and Records with official transcripts once admitted to the program.

6. For any relevant course descriptions from college catalogs, or syllabi, you must save those in a .pdf file as follows: last name_course number (the one you listed on the prerequisite form as equivalent to a Cerritos course). For example: Gonzalez_COMD350
7. Once all required documents have been converted to .pdf files (application, transcripts, course descriptions/syllabi), **email all files in one submission** to: SLPA-app@cerritos.edu. Late applications and multiple emails for one applicant will not be accepted. **All files must be in a .pdf format; photos or screenshots will be NOT accepted.** Please keep in mind large files may need to be compressed in order to be sent in the email.

Students will receive an email back from the SLPA department that their application has been received. If you do not receive an email that your application has been received, it is the responsibility of the applicant to check with the department that it has been received. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all required documents and materials have been included in their submission. Applicants will not be notified if anything is incomplete or not filled out correctly prior to the deadline or during the review process.

SELECTION PROCEDURES:

1. All required documents, including the SLPA application, and all college transcripts, must be emailed to: SLPA-app@cerritos.edu using the correct format requested on these forms by **5:00pm, March 1, 2026**. Late applications will not be accepted.
2. Applications will be reviewed for:
 - a. Completion of prerequisite coursework (SLP 100, 101, SLP 105, SLP 208, CD 110, CD 139, CDSE 150/152, A&P 120 or A&P 150, ASL 110 or equivalents) and general education proficiencies for math, reading, writing
 - b. Minimum of a "C" grade in each prerequisite course and proficiency course (a "C-" grade does not qualify)
 - c. Minimum of a 2.5 GPA for all prerequisite courses
 - d. Minimum of 2.0 cumulative GPA for all college coursework (the cumulative GPAs will be averaged and must be a minimum of a 2.0)
 - e. Submission of required documents (i.e., transcripts, completed application forms)
3. Students who have completed the required prerequisite courses and meet the GPA requirements will be entered into an applicant pool. Eligible applicants will be selected by random lottery if the number of eligible applicants surpasses the 25 spots available.
4. Students will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance in March.

ADMISSION AND ENROLLMENT

1. Upon acceptance, students must complete the following by May 15 to maintain their offer of acceptance:

- a. Attend a mandatory program orientation (date and time will be listed in acceptance letter).
- b. Obtain certification and show proof of a valid Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) training from the American Heart Association OR the American Red Cross, which is valid for the duration of the program. No other providers will be accepted. No online CPR certification for initial certification will be accepted; courses must be taken on-site, unless the applicant already has the BLS for Healthcare Providers and is renewing their certification.
- c. Students must show evidence of the following to complete the health clearance requirements (required forms will be sent to accepted students):
 - i. Immunizations for: tetanus and pertussis (Tdap), measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR), and varicella. This is subject to change based on federal, state, and local policies, as well as clinical placement requirements.
 - ii. A physical exam in which a physician will provide a medical examination of the student, review the technical standards for the SLPA program, and indicate the student's ability to perform the technical standards independently, with accommodations/conditions, or not at all.
- d. A criminal background check.
- e. A current resume.
- f. Signed SLPA handbook signature page.
- g. Universal Precautions & HIPAA course modules (available on the compliance software program).
- g. Negative TB test (through chest X-ray, skin test, or blood test).
- h. Clinical fieldwork intake form.

2. Once admitted to the program, official transcripts must be submitted to Admissions and Records.

3. In addition to the items listed above, prior to each student's clinical assignments, students may be required to undergo additional background checks, fingerprinting, complete a drug screening, participate in interviews, or complete other requirements at their own expense.

All career technical education (CTE) opportunities will be offered regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability. Compliance with related laws, including Section 504/Title II, are the responsibility of Cerritos College's Director, Diversity, Compliance, & Title IX Coordinator in the Office of Human Resources | (562) 860-2451, ext. 2284 | Email: dctix@cerritos.edu

STEP TWO: COMPLETE APPLICATION CHECKLIST (A REQUIRED DOCUMENT- PAGE 1)

NAME: _____ Student number: _____

DATE: _____

This checklist is to assist you with gathering the necessary paperwork. This will not be double checked by a counselor or by staff in the SLPA department or Health Occupations division. It is your responsibility to assure that all steps have been completed and all documents have been included in your application packet for consideration. **INCLUDE THIS CHECKLIST WITH YOUR APPLICATION PACKET.**

Write or type your initials by each item:

___ Applied to Cerritos College to obtain a student ID

___ I am at least 18 years of age

___ Reviewed the [catalog requirements of the SLPA](#) program

___ Reviewed the [CGEC Requirements](#) for a local Associate's degree and agree to complete any additional coursework necessary for completion of the Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Associate of Science degree requirements.

___ I read and understand the [Technical Standards/Essential Functions](#) for Speech-Language Pathology Assistants as found on the SLPA website

___ I read and understand the contents of the SLPA Handbook and agree to comply with the policies and procedures of this program.

___ Completed all prerequisite courses required for admission (SLP 100, 101, SLP 105, SLP 208, CD 110, CD 139, CDSE 150 or CDSE 152, A&P 120 or A&P 150, ASL 110 or equivalents) and general education proficiencies for math, reading, writing with a 2.5 GPA or higher

___ Fully completed application with signature included

___ Scanned completed application into a single .pdf file using required format

___ Gathered transcripts of ALL college coursework to upload on to Canvas

___ Scanned each transcript as an individual .pdf file for each college attended using required format

___ I have read and understand the selection procedures and requirements for admission and enrollment in the program

I, _____ (print name) have completed this checklist and am certain that I have fully completed the application for admission to the Cerritos College Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Program. I have gathered all the necessary documents to support my application, as well. I understand that when I submit my application packet online to the SLPA department, it must be fully completed and organized in the manner directed in the application instructions.

Signature: _____

When completed, upload the application form file, transcript files, and additional files **in one email** to SLPA-app@cerritos.edu by **5:00pm (PST) on March 1, 2026.**

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When the application is completed, upload with application forms, any relevant course descriptions, and unofficial transcripts to:

SLPA-app@cerritos.edu

APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED NO LATER THAN 5:00PM PST ON MARCH 1, 2026

I. GENERAL INFORMATION (please print clearly):

Name: _____
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Other Names Used)

Address: _____
(Street and Number) (City) (State) (Zip)

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email Address: _____

The questions below are not considered for eligibility, but for informational purposes only:

Why do you want to enter this field?

Are you proficient in any other languages besides English? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what languages? _____

Have you been accepted to another SLPA program? Yes _____ No _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ (month/year) to _____ (month/year)

If you attended, what was your reason for leaving? _____

II. EDUCATION

A. High School (list last high school attended)

Name	Grade Completed	Year Graduated
Address	City	State

B. Colleges: (list all of your college attendance beginning with the most recent)

1. _____	College Name	Major	#of Qtr/Sem. Units
_____	Address, City, State, Zip		G.P.A
_____	Name of Degree or Certificate Earned		Date
2. _____	College Name	Major	#of Qtr/Sem. Units
_____	Address, City, State, Zip		G.P.A
_____	Name of Degree or Certificate Earned		Date
3. _____	College Name	Major	#of Qtr/Sem. Units
_____	Address, City, State, Zip		G.P.A
_____	Name of Degree or Certificate Earned		Date
4. _____	College Name	Major	#of Qtr/Sem. Units
_____	Address, City, State, Zip		G.P.A
_____	Name of Degree or Certificate Earned		Date

I understand that I have included all colleges I have attended on this list. I have uploaded transcripts of ALL college coursework with my application.

Signature: _____

****If you have attended more than 4 colleges, you may duplicate this page in your application to include a list of ALL colleges attended.***

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III. PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK:

Date: _____

The following lists prerequisite coursework that is required for application to the Speech-Language Pathology Associate of Science degree program; however, additional degree coursework is required in order to obtain the full Associate's degree. Please be sure to see the Cerritos General Education Curriculum (CGEC) requirements for a local Associate's degree and consult with a Health Sciences and Wellness Pathway counselor to ensure you will complete all Associate's degree requirements by your final semester (Spring 2027).

Write or type in the course from Cerritos or its equivalent, and the remaining information on the row. **If the course was not taken at Cerritos, upload course descriptions from that institution to your application submission email.**

Cerritos General Education Curriculum Requirements for SLPA A.S. Degree Application	Course	Units	Grade	Semester/Year	College
Area 1A: English Composition (3 semester units) ENGL C1000, C1000E, or ESL180					
Area 2: Mathematical Concepts and Qualitative Reasoning (1 course-3 semester units) Business (BA) CL130, OR Mathematics (MATH) 104, 110A, 110B, 112S, 114, 115, 116, CL130, 140, 155S, 155, 160, 170, 190, 225, 250, OR Statistics (STAT) C1000, OR Economics (ECON) 210, OR Psychology (PSYC) 210					

Cerritos College Course Prerequisite for SLPA A.S. Degree Application	Course	Units	Grade	Semester/Year	College
*A&P 120 OR A&P 150 (4 semester units) Human Anatomy & Physiology					
ASL 110 (4 semester units) Introduction to American Sign Language					
CD 110 (3 semester units) Child Development					
CD 139 (3 semester units) Observation, Assessment, and Positive Guidance of Childhood Behavior					
CDSE 150/CDSE 152 (3 semester units) Introduction to Children with Special Needs OR Curriculum and Strategies for Children with Special Needs					
SLP 100 (1 semester unit) Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology					
SLP 101 (3 semester units) Introduction to Communication Disorders					
SLP 105 (3 semester units) Speech and Language Development in Children					
SLP 208 (3 semester units) Introduction to Phonetics					

*Applicants with BA/BS degrees in SLP/Communication Disorders who have taken Anatomy & Physiology of the Speech and Hearing Mechanism AND Neuroanatomy may use these as equivalent to A&P 120 (both courses must be completed and meet the GPA requirements of 2.5 to be considered equivalent).

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IV. Read and sign that you agree to the statement below:

I have read and understand the SLPA Handbook, Technical Standards, admission policies, departmental requirements, and procedures for the application. It is understood that withholding information or giving untruthful answers to questions on this application could be cause for non-acceptance or dismissal from the program.

Applicant signature

Date

Students with disabilities who may need accommodations in completing any part of this application process should contact the Student Accessibility Services Department.

V. Upload the application and all college coursework transcripts in separate .pdf files for each college you have attended, in the format explained on the first page of this application packet, and email all application materials in one email to: SLPA-app@cerritos.edu