

Like Working With Children?

The new **Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Option** prepares graduates for careers working in schools with children who have communication disorders. SLPAs work under the supervision of a licensed, certified Speech-Language Pathologist.

In addition to required **General Education courses** and other required courses, specialty courses include:

- SLP* 111 Communication Development
- SLP* 112 Speech and Language in the Educational Setting
- SLP* 120 Communication Disorders and Intervention I
- SLP* 121 Communication Disorders and Intervention II
- SLP* 130 Processes and Function of the Speech and Hearing Mechanisms

A supervised internship is also required.

Upon successful completion of all Disability Specialist Program SLPA Option degree requirements, graduates will

- Describe the process of communication and the characteristics of effective communication.
- Differentiate between communication disorders and communication differences.
- Describe the stages of language and literacy development and distinguish among language delays, language disorders, and culturally-based language differences.
- Explain and differentiate among the characteristics, etiologies, and impact of phonology, voice, fluency and language disorders.
- Explain the effect of hearing loss on the development of communication skills.
- Describe the role of the speech-language pathology assistant in supporting therapy plans for students in educational settings.

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