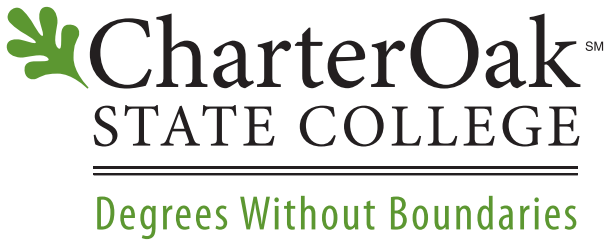


SECURE YOUR PROFESSIONAL FUTURE!



The Speech and Language Pathology Assistant Certificate



**Flexible and affordable solutions
for career advancement**

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A continuing education and professional development opportunity for those committed to achieving their career objectives in the specialized field of Speech and Language Pathology.



About the Program

Charter Oak State College, in conjunction with the professional staff of Connecticut's Capitol Region Education Council (CREC), has developed this online certificate to train adults as speech and language pathology assistants. You can participate in this certificate program on a stand-alone basis, or you can apply the credits you earn toward an associate or bachelor's degree. Coursework is designed to assist you in mastering the skills required to address the language, communication, social/emotional and creative needs of school children. Students must earn an A.S. degree or have earned an A.S./B.S. degree before a certificate will be issued.

The Career-enhancing Certificate

Ideal candidates for this certificate program include

- paraprofessionals currently employed in the field of Speech and Language Pathology.
- those in early childhood education who seek greater insight into language development and the support of language differences.
- those in the fields of general and special education interested in advancing their knowledge of the impact of language and communication on the learning process.
- Anyone interested in transitioning from a current career to this very much in-demand field.

Speech and Language Pathology Assistant Certificate Courses (Each course offers 3 credits)

Introduction to Language and Communication Development

An overview of the normal process of language and communication development and its relationship to social, physical, psychological and cognitive development, including the components of phonology, syntax, semantics and pragmatics.

Speech and Language Services in the School Setting

Addresses professional issues related to the Speech Language Pathology Assistant's role in the school setting. Topics include legal and policy framework for school services, ethical practice, supervision, collaboration, scheduling, data collection and more. The course includes an observation component.

Speech Disorders and Interventions

A general overview of the anatomy and physiology of the speech production mechanism and speech delays and disorders in preschool and school-aged children. The course additionally provides specialized instruction and evidence-based interventions used for remediation and/or compensatory strategies.

Language Disorders and Interventions

An overview of language and hearing disorders in preschool and school-aged children and their evidence-based interventions. The course prepares you for your role in providing services to children with language and hearing impairments and those youngsters who use augmentative and alternative communication devices and systems.

Language and Literacy Development and Interventions

An exploration of the components of literacy development and the significant roles speech and language play in the development process and an examination of the characteristics of delayed and disordered literacy development and their links to speech and language development. You will study evidence-based intervention methods in these areas and learn the role of the speech language assistant in the intervention process.

Language and Communication Development in Autism

An overview of the nature and complexities of Autism Spectrum Disorder, its characteristics and the core skills necessary for social, communication and literacy development. You will examine evidence-based interventions for the subject student population and will learn about proven support tools for individuals with autism.

The Speech and Language Pathology Assistant Practicum

This course has been designed to provide supervised learning experiences and application opportunities relative to the foundation skills essential in working effectively as a speech and language pathology assistant. You will be expected to demonstrate Speech Language Pathology Assistant competencies under the guidance of your course instructor and the site Speech Language Pathologist Supervisor. You will examine theoretical concepts and analyze your practicum experiences in-class. You will additionally be responsible for selecting your practicum site.

It is important to note that you must maintain a grade of C or higher in all courses comprising the program in order to earn your certificate.

Our Distinguished Faculty

As a Charter Oak student, you'll reap the benefits of learning from a distinguished and dedicated faculty and from prominent professionals with extensive experience in the development and implementation of programs addressing the field of Speech and Language Pathology. Each faculty member is an esteemed educator unhesitating in his or her desire to challenge, guide and inspire you to achieve your educational and professional goals.

A College For Your Busy Life

Charter Oak is Connecticut's only public *online* college. Our institution has been established to help busy adult learners, like you, achieve their career objectives through time-flexible and affordable certificate and credential programs as well as through degree completion. The Speech and Language Pathology Assistant Certificate program allows you to conveniently plan your study schedule around commitments to your job and family. Our institution is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

About CREC

The Capitol Region Education Council, established in 1966 by the Connecticut State Legislature, has developed a wide array of high-quality programs and services to meet the educational needs of children and adults in Connecticut's capitol region. Among its mission objectives are the development of specialized educational programs for students with hearing impairments, special needs and a variety of other physical and behavioral challenges and the creation of innovative partnership programs that help adults develop real, job-ready skills.

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