

## PROGRAM CURRICULUM:

PREREQUISITES	CREDITS
ENG 101 Composition and Rhetoric .....	3
BIO 185 Human Anatomy and Physiology I .....	4
HIT 102 Fundamentals of Medical Terminology ..	1
SPA 101 Introduction to SPA .....	3
SPE 108 Oral Communication .....	3
<b>FALL</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology <b>Or</b> .....	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology .....	3
BIO 186 Human Anatomy and Physiology II .....	4
SPA 121 Anatomy and Physiology of SPA .....	4
SPA 131 Language Development in Children .....	3
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
HFA 201 General Humanities .....	3
SPA 141 SPA Voice and Diction .....	3
SPA 151 Communication Disorders in Children ..	3
Elective .....	3
<b>SUMMER</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
SPA 161 SPA Introduction to Phonetics .....	3
SPA 171 SPA Clinical Observations .....	2
<b>FALL</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
SPA 201 SPA Screening and Interventions .....	4
SPA 211 SPA Clinical Fieldwork I .....	3
SPA 221 Communication Disorders in Adults ..	3
Elective .....	3
<b>SPRING</b>	<b>CREDITS</b>
SPA 231 Case Study Management for SPA .....	4
SPA 241 Clinical Fieldwork II .....	2
MTH 100 Intermediate Algebra <b>Or</b>	
MTH 165 College Algebra .....	4
Total Credits .....	68

For questions regarding the SPA Program, please call the Health Professions Department at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2204 or visit us in room 4457. To make an appointment with the Health Professions Career Advisor, Katherine Melin-Eberhardt, please contact the Counseling Department at (708) 596-2000, ext. 2306.

Although priority for admission will be given to applicants who meet the published applications deadline, application forms will be accepted throughout the entire academic cycle.

Be advised that Biology classes must be completed within the last 5 years to satisfy program requirements.



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# SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT PROGRAM (SPA)

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## SPAs IN THE WORKFORCE

1. A Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SPA) is a support person who has completed the academic requirements of an accredited two-year program. They assist a certified Speech-Language Pathologist in treating people who have speech-language and communication disorders.

2. An SPA may conduct the following tasks under the supervision of a Speech-Language Pathologist (SLP):

- Assist the SLP with Speech-Language hearing screenings and assessments (without interpretation).
- Follow documented treatment or intervention plans developed by the supervising SLP.
- Document student performance and report information to the SLP.
- Assist with clerical duties, research projects, and collect data for quality improvement.

**Credentialing:** An SPA license is required in order to work in any setting in the state of Illinois. After completing the necessary requirements for the AAS degree one may obtain licensure from the state of Illinois by successfully passing the licensure test and paying the application fee.

**Curriculum Description:** This full-time SPA educational program prepares individuals to work in a health or educational setting under a registered SLP with at least two-years of professional experience. Assistants generally work with equipment maintenance, patient assessment, paperwork and execution of SLP treatment plans. Courses in this program are structured to provide students with background information, theories, principles and techniques for implementation of treatment plans and goals of speech, language, and hearing disordered individuals. The program supplements classroom instruction with required supervised clinical observation and practicum experiences in Speech-Language Pathology and audiology. Students will be assigned to off-campus practicum sites for observation of clinical experiences and involvement in interdisciplinary team approaches to case management.



## GOALS OF PROGRAM

1. To provide comprehensive, academic, and practical education and training for SPAs.
2. Train SPAs to effectively treat adults and children with various communication disorders.
3. To provide SPAs with knowledge of the scope of practice of SLPs while training SPAs how to accurately assist SLPs.
4. To promote and increase community awareness of the need and role of SLPs and SPAs.
5. To train SPAs to be well rounded Allied Health professionals while assisting and encouraging SPAs to further pursue a master's degree in the field of speech language pathology.

## ADMISSIONS PROCESS

**Note:** All students must complete all SPA program prerequisites and general education course requirements with a grade of "C" or better before entering the program

Prospective students must submit a completed South Suburban Application to the Admissions office along with Official High School, GED and College transcripts.

Students who have completed the necessary prerequisite courses can submit an SPA application to the Health Professions Office in Room 4457 no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>. Please note, admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the program.

### SELECTION PROCESS WILL BE DETERMINED BY:

1. GPA (3.0 or higher)
2. Completion of general education courses with "C" or better.
3. Students are required to pass a Health Professions entrance exam with a minimum score of 75%. Information, scheduling & payment for the exam will be made available after January 1<sup>st</sup>.
4. Proof of CPR certification (Must be maintained throughout the entire program).
5. Students must complete a criminal background check and drug screening. Eligibility of Internships depend on the results of these tests.
6. Proof of insurance and medical forms must be completed.
7. Consideration given to individuals with a college degree in other areas as well as military experiences or related work experience.
8. Grades earned for prerequisite courses.