

Speech Language Pathology Assistant

The Speech Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) curriculum prepares individuals to assist a licensed Speech Language Pathologist in conducting therapy in articulation, fluency, receptive and expressive language, augmentative/alternative communication, and oral motor skills.

Coursework includes instruction in protocols designed to remediate individual speech and language disorders. Supervised fieldwork experience includes working with toddlers, preschool, and school-age children with communication difficulties.

The Speech Language Pathology Assistant program at Central Piedmont is offered in collaboration with Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. Required general education courses can be completed as usual at any Central Piedmont campus. SLPA program-specific courses are offered on Central Campus via live participatory classes broadcast to Central Piedmont. During fieldwork experience, students can utilize their knowledge and refine skills while working under the supervision of a licensed Speech Language Pathologist.

Graduates of this program may be eligible for registration with the North Carolina Board of Examiners for Speech Language Pathologists and Audiologists. Employment opportunities, under the supervision of a licensed Speech Language Pathologist, include a wide range of settings in schools, private practice, and home health settings.

For specific information about potential positions and wages in speech language pathology employment, visit the Central Piedmont Career Coach website.