

OCCC Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA) Program Preference Point System

Admission to the SLPA Program is competitive and based on the highest preference points and GPA, with applicants ranked using a point system that has a maximum of 10 possible points. Points are awarded in the following categories:

1. College Degree (maximum 3 points)

- Master's degree or higher: **3 points**
- Bachelor's degree: **2 points**
- Associate's degree: **1 point**

2. GPA (maximum 3 points)

College GPA (minimum 12 credit hours):

- 3.75-4.0: **3 points**
- 3.5-3.749: **2 points**
- 3.0-3.499: **1 point**

3. Additional Coursework (1 point each)

- AHP 1013 Medical Terminology or equivalent (C or better): **1 point**
- LIS 1111 Research Skills or equivalent (C or better): **1 point**

4. Work Experience (maximum 2 points)

Experience in either:

- Special education department or direct teaching experience (paraprofessional, teacher's aide, classroom teacher) within a K-12 school system, OR
- Speech-language pathology department in a hospital or clinic setting

Point allocation:

- Three or more years of experience: **2 points**
- One to two years of experience: **1 point**

Note: Experience must be verified by an official employer letter and is subject to evaluation by the OCCC SLPA program director.

Prospective applicants should aim to accumulate as many preference points as possible to increase the likelihood of being accepted into the OCCC SLPA program.