ASSOCIATE OF ARTS (A.A.) - SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT

The Associate of Arts (A.A.) with a Concentration in Speech Language Pathology Assistant allows individuals to achieve an A.A. degree within 2 years with concentrated courses of the speech language pathology assistant (SLPA) program to count toward their A.A. degree. An Associate of Arts is the minimum degree requirement for individuals to receive national certification to work in the career as a speech language pathology assistant. This concentration is a collaboration between UM-Missoula College's Department of Applied Arts and Sciences and UM's School of Speech, Language, Hearing, and Occupational Sciences, which is housed in the College of Health.

Associate of Arts - General AA; Speech Language Pathology Assistant Concentration

Summary

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	Expressive Arts	
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	Social Sciences	
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Degree Specific Credits: 60

Required Cumulative GPA: 2.0

Note: The A.A. degree has three requirements:

1. completion of UM's lower-division General Education Requirements (GERs),
2. a minimum of 60 total earned credits, and
3. a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

At least 30 of the total 60 degree credits must be earned from Missoula College or UM-Missoula.

Missoula College students are limited to enrolling in lower-division coursework (course level 100 or 200).

To receive the Associate of Arts with a concentration in Speech Language Pathology Assistant, a student must complete the requirements specific to the Associate of Arts degree as well as the speech language pathology coursework listed below.

Following completion of the lower-division requirements (100- and 200-level), students transfer to the University of Montana Mountain Campus to complete the upper-division required courses. Please see the program advisor for a sequence of courses for the program of study.

Degree Specific Requirements for an AA with a Concentration in Speech Language Pathology Assistant

Note:

- Some courses required for the Associate of Arts with a Concentration in Speech Language Pathology Assistant satisfy multiple Perspectives or GER Categories; visit with your advisor for more information.
- Students may only register for CSD 320, 330, and 365 after transferring to the University of Montana Mountain Campus.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete all of the following courses:		
CSD 110	Introduction to Speech, Language, and Audiology	3
CSD 205	Clinical Application and Observations in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology	2
CSD 210	Speech & Language Development	3
CSD 261	Introduction to Speech-Language Pathology Assistant	3
CSD 265	Developmental Speech and Language Disorders and Treatment	3
CSD 320	Phono Development & Phonetics	3
CSD 330	Anatomy and Physiology of the Speech and Swallowing Mechanism	3
CSD 365	Acquired Communication and Swallowing Disorders	3
6 credits of CSD electives		6
Total Hours		**29**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Writing Skills

Rule: Complete the following subcategories. 6 total credits required.

Note: NOTE: Students who place into and successfully complete WRIT 201 are considered to have satisfied both the WRIT 101 and the Lower-Division Approved Writing Course General Education Requirements.

Introductory Writing Course
Note: Appropriate placement into WRIT 101/WRIT 201 required. Prerequisites may apply.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete one of the following courses:		
WRIT 101	College Writing I	3
or WRIT 201	College Writing II	

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Intermediate Writing Course

Code	Title	Hours
Complete any course designated as an Intermediate Writing Course during semester it's taken.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Mathematics

Note: Appropriate placement into mathematics courses required.

Code	Title	Hours
Complete any Mathematics course level 104 or higher (excluding M 111).		**3-4**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Perspectives

Rule: A minimum of 3 credits towards each perspective category is required. 21-27 total credits required.

Note: Some courses satisfy multiple Perspectives or GER Categories; visit with your advisor for more information. Students who take the maximum number of Perspective "double-dippers" possible will be able to complete the Perspectives with a total of 21 credits.

Expressive Arts (A)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 3 credits in any course with the Expressive Arts (A) designation.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Literary & Artistic Studies (L)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 3 credits in any course with the Literary & Artistic Studies (L) designation.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Historical & Cultural Studies (H)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 3 credits in any course with the Historical & Cultural Studies (H) designation.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Social Sciences (S)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 3 credits in any course with the Social Sciences (S) designation.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Ethical & Human Values (E)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 3 credits in any course with the Ethical & Human Values (E) designation.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Democracy and Citizenship (Y)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 3 credits in any course with the Democracy and Citizenship (Y) designation.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Cultural and International Diversity (X)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 3 credits in any course with the Cultural and International Diversity (X) designation.		**3**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

Natural Sciences (N)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete a minimum 6 credits in any course with the Natural Sciences (N) designation. At least one course must have a laboratory component.		**6**

Minimum Required Grade: C-

AA Degree Electives

Note: Number of elective credits required varies; student needs to ensure s/he earns at least 60 total credits for the AA degree. Transfer students may count up to 30 transfer credits towards the total 60 necessary for degree. A maximum of 15 technical credits may be counted towards the total 60. (A student may use 20 technical credits towards the 60 if s/he has earned an AAS degree.)

Code	Title	Hours
Complete elective credits to attain the 60 credits required for the General AA degree.		**13-27**

Minimum Required Grade: C-