

## **BECOMING A SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY ASSISTANT**

There are numerous factors to consider so you will need to research which pathway works for you depending on the type of environment (medical or school) or state where you will want to be licensed. If you have further questions concerning options 2-4, you will need to contact ASHA, the State of Tennessee Board of Communications, or the State of Tennessee Board of Education accordingly for the answers.

### **Pathways/options to becoming an SLP Assistant. Links are provided.**

1. Completing an undergraduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Our undergraduate degree in Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology offers coursework and some clinical hours which would allow you to seek certification as a Speech-Language Pathology Assistant (SLPA). If you select this path, then you would want to meet with a faculty mentor. **Contact Tammy Walker, Executive Assistant, ([tammy.walker@mtsu.edu](mailto:tammy.walker@mtsu.edu)) to help you make an appointment.**
2. Qualifying as an SLPA through the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), visit [Pathways: Speech-Language Pathology Assistant Certification \(ashaassistants.org\)](http://ashaassistants.org).
3. Qualifying as an SLPA through the State of Tennessee Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences: This link leads to the application page for the TN Board of Communication Disorders and Sciences. [Applications \(tn.gov\)](#) If you click on the link that says Speech Pathology Registration Forms, it lists the guidelines.
4. Qualifying as an SLPA through the State of Tennessee Board of Education: <https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/stateboardofeducation/documents/2022-sbe-meetings/february-4%2C-2022-sbe-meeting/2-4-22%20III%20F%20Educator%20Licensure%20Rule%200520-02-03-%2005%20and%20.11%20Clean.pdf>. Look at Page 2, number 3.