SHS 461 Accent Modification

This is a training course designed to increase speech intelligibility and comprehensibility of accented speakers. Training focuses on teaching:

- 14 monophthong vowels
- 24 consonants
- Intonation, rate, and intensity
- Syllable and word stress

The approach of the training uses evidence-based methods with training plans uniquely designed for the individual accented speaker. ASU students earn two credit hours.

PROGRAM DESIGN

All clients participate in a pre and post training assessment to identify problematic sounds and speech patterns, and to measure progress.

Each client will attend a 50 min. class to discuss the properties of English sounds. Choral recitation and group practice of targeted sounds are emphasized.

Individual training for another 50 min. is conducted with a speech-language pathology student clinician. At this training session, student clinicians will design a treatment plan that specifically focuses on your needs. Practice during these sessions is a must.

The length of the training coincides with the length of the semester, which is 15 weeks. This program is offered in the fall and spring semesters.

WHO ARE WE?

The student clinicians are either completing their graduate degree or their speech-language-pathology assistant certificate. Accent modification training is one of the clinical training rotations that they complete.

Each clinician is supervised by a licensed and ASHA certified speech-language pathologist.

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