

**LIU/Post
Ladge Speech and Hearing Center
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Communication Enhancement Program

This program is for people who speak English as a second language or nonstandard English and combines the correction of articulation (the sound system of English) through a step by step approach for analyzing the accented sounds of American English as well as the correction of grammar (the structure system of English). Language learning also includes lessons in the use of intonation patterns, idiomatic expressions, and vocabulary build-up. Clients are taught and encouraged to practice sounds, forms, and word sequences systematically in a progression and order which permits them to acquire the ability to verbally communicate comfortably in English.

I. Detailed Case History

II. Evaluation

- A. Formal testing
- B. Informal speech sample (conversation)
- C. Oral readings
- D. Audiological Evaluation

Determine phonological, grammatical, semantic, pragmatic, idiomatic, and nonlinguistic contrasts between clients presenting speech and language patterns and Standard American English.

III. Therapy Plan

- A. Determine the therapy plan including long term goals and individual session objectives for the client.
- B. Initiate therapy plan using discussion, ear training, modeling, practice drills, and extensive use of auditory and auditory-visual recording for feedback. Homework exercises are a critical part of the program.

As objectives are met, functional, communicative situations (role-playing) are used that are appropriate to the client's educational, social and/or professional interactions to measure progress and assess areas in need of further remediation.

IV. Re-Evaluation

Re-evaluate client using both formal and informal assessment to determine if goals have been met and if further therapy is warranted.

****Therapy may be individual or in small groups depending upon the needs of the client and are available during day and evening hours.***

All services are supervised by New York State licensed and ASHA certified speech/language pathologists and graduate clinicians in our well-respected Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at LIU Post.

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