



AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  

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CONTINUING EDUCATION

**COURSE SYLLABUS/OUTLINE DEVELOPMENT FORM**

1. **Name of Course:** Training the Speaking Voice
2. **Number of Clock Hours:** 18
3. **Course Description:** This class is intended for anyone desiring to increase the power and impact of their speaking voice. Training in healthy vocal production is an essential part of speaking intentionally in any situation, from the stage or screen to the classroom or boardroom. In this course, you'll learn a variety of techniques for preparing and utilizing your natural voice to speak confidently in a variety of environments. The first few classes will focus on active exercises designed to healthily engage the various aspects of vocal production, while the final sessions will practically apply what you've learned to scenes, speeches, interpersonal communication, and presentations.
4. **Course Objectives:** Increased confidence in the use of the speaking voice; increased vocal power and impact; increased knowledge of vocal health; knowledge and application of vocal warm-ups and warm-downs; practical application of speaking voice technique to scenes, speeches, interpersonal communication, and presentations.
5. **Rationale: State the reason for offering the course:** Many humans rely on the voice as a primary means of working, socializing, and communicating in other situations. In particular, professional voice users such as actors, executives, teachers, clergy, speakers, and others benefit greatly from the practical application of techniques designed to empower the voice.
6. **Required Materials:** A water bottle, notebook, writing implement, and electronic device with the capability to ZOOM.
7. **Course Outline: What topics and sub-topics will be covered in this course?**

See "Course Objectives" above.