

Accent Modification Services UM's Conley Speech Language and Hearing Center

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To: UM Department Chairs

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Do you have students in your programs who need to speak publically as part of their school or work (e.g., teaching, giving presentations, defending a thesis, job interviewing, participating in team meetings) who would benefit greatly from sessions of specifically directed and highly functional speech therapy for accent modification?

- Speech therapy services for accent modification (aka, accent reduction; accent therapy) teaches individuals to speak English closer to the American cultural style.
- Accent modification sessions are appropriate for individuals who feel that their spoken English can be difficult for others to understand due to their accent, are self conscious about their accented speech, and/or want to better assimilate to the American culture.
- Speech therapy for accent modification includes the social use of American English language: body language and facial expression (specific to one's culture; often unspoken nuances) as well as understanding and using high-level language (e.g., idioms, sarcasm).
- Speech therapy for accent modification includes learning cultural differences.
- **Accent modification speech therapy services are free services to UM students.**
- Appointment times for therapy sessions offer **flexibility**.
- Free consultation and speech screening are provided to determine if the individual is an appropriate candidate for accent modification intervention.

Please share this information with your faculty and students and contact the **Conley Speech Language and Hearing Center** in Dunn Hall today for more information or to schedule an appointment: **207.581.2006**

Thank you.