

**Title III Consultant Proposal
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Name of the Proposal: Developing and Enhancing Basic Public Speaking Skills

Purpose of the Project: Through the use of available video technology, I will develop a tutorial designed to help those students that are struggling in Basic Public Speaking courses. This video will assist with those areas that are typically most difficult for beginning speech students. The areas I would address would include, but not be limited to: **Managing Communication Apprehension/Speech Anxiety, Selecting an Appropriate Speech Topic, and Developing Appropriate Styles of Delivery.** Students seeking tutorial assistance through the use of this video, would be able to view the entire video at their leisure or utilizing a menu option, select those individual areas that they wish to address.

Goals: Upon completion of this project, students will have the opportunity to receive valuable information that will allow them to develop and enhance their Public Speaking skills. Students will be using the tutorial information at their own pace, with the ability to pause, rewind and repeat information as needed. Students would be able to take notes and seek additional information while using the tutorial. The video would provide very specific techniques, behaviors and exercises as well as common obstacles to avoid. The project will require the use of video recording, editing and digital playback. The project would be created in such a way that it would be possible, through the use of the editing equipment, to replace, add to, or eliminate any portion of the tutorial. This would allow me to update the tutorial information as needed. The completed project would be available to both students and faculty. This would be of great benefit to faculty outside of the Oral Communication Department who require oral presentations in their classrooms.

Evaluation: The project is designed to provide assistance to those student having difficulty in Basic Public Speaking courses. Oral Communication courses historically have a very large number of drop-outs. This project will help increase the retention rate of that population of students and improve the grades of participating students.

Technical Support Needed: I would need to attend a conference or conferences that would sharpen my technology skills. The project would utilize digital cameras, monitors and editors as well as a laptop with DVD viewing and recording capabilities. I will provide all of the additional technical support needed.