Using English as a second language in a professional environment can be challenging and stressful. Even after several years of exposure to English, you may still feel that there are so many things to learn – vocabulary, grammar, local phrases and pronunciation. A good news is that with lots of systematic practice and the help of a professional trained speech-language pathologist (SLP), you can noticeably improve the accuracy of your speech pronunciation. This is known as "accent modification" or "accent reduction" as a speech-language pathologist can provide services to speakers who want to modify or reduce their accent.

At the Baylor University’s Accent Modification Clinic, we aim to turn the challenges that you are facing as a non-native speaker of English into an achievable goal which can make your academic journey as a graduate student easier and support your professional career to be more successful.

You should first receive a thorough evaluation of your individual speech pattern. The SLP will evaluate your: (1) Sound pronunciation (consonants and vowels, diphthongs, etc.) and (2) Stress, rhythm, and intonation of speech. You may be asked to read words, sentences, and paragraphs. The SLP will also listen to your speech in conversation. After all of this information has been collected, the SLP will determine what can be done to modify your accent and improve your overall communication. A set of goals based on your individual needs should be developed. You will receive speech therapy sessions by one of our graduate clinicians who are being supervised by our clinical faculty. Typically, two times a week for a duration of one semester. If you are interested, please contact our clinic director, Ms. Deborah Rainer, through the email (Deborah_rainer@baylor.edu).