

COUNCIL ON TEACHING
Follow Up Report for
Teaching in Higher Education Conference Award

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Conference Attended: Voice Therapy Spectrum and Adventures in Voice

Date of Conference: March 31, April 1-2, 8

Award Amount: \$750

Briefly summarize how your attendance at the conference enhanced your professional development and allowed you to gain a better understanding of teaching in your discipline or trends in higher education in general.

This conference expanded my knowledge of specific voice therapy techniques and incorporated my existing knowledge into a larger pedagogical framework. This helped me to better understand resonant voice therapy and to learn new ways to apply these techniques in our clinic. I am now an authorized provider of three different voice therapy programs and can use these programs with our graduate students. The program looked at the therapy programs, evidence supporting the programs, and ways to teach the programs. I have more tools and information for training graduate students to perform this type of therapy which is central to their learning on my clinical team. The conference also brought me up to date on research related to motor learning and adult learning.

How have you been able to share what you learned about teaching with the campus?

My students and I have already discussed different points from the conference in our weekly team meetings and have applied some ideas in their clinical services. I'll continue to introduce this material in future semesters, both the therapy programs and the information about pedagogy and learning, and it will enhance the voice therapy experiences of our MA-SLP students. I will also discuss the fundamentals of motor learning and introducing those concepts to students with my colleagues who are also clinical professors.