Bossier Parish Community College Master Syllabus

Course Prefix and Number: COMM 213 Credit Hours: 3

Course Title: Voice and Diction

Course Prerequisites: None

Textbook: Hahner, Jeffrey C., Sokoloff, Martin A., Salisch, Sandra L.

Speaking Clearly: Improving Voice and Diction. 6th

Edition.

Course Description: Voice and Diction is the study of vocal mechanisms, phonetics and related exercises to improve articulation, pronunciation and expressive intonation. The course also covers the International Phonetic Alphabet and its uses in vocal performance.

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of this course the student will

- A. demonstrate proper vocal technique, projection, voice strength, and voice development;
- B. identify the major bodily organs and muscle groups associated with the voice and vocal support;
- C. utilize the International Phonetic Alphabet; and
- D. comprehend the differences in various dialects.

To achieve the learning outcomes, the student will

(The letter designations at the end of each statement refer to the learning outcome(s).)

- 1. understand the dynamics of effective voice production and articulation. (A,B,C,D)
- 2. speak clearly and intelligently. (A,B,C,D)
- 3. develop a pleasant vocal quality void of defects. (A,B,)
- 4. build adequate and varied volume. (A,B,C,)
- 5. modify regional or international dialects. (A,B,C,D,)
- 6. experiment with different vocal techniques. (A,B,C,D,)

Course Requirements: This course requires attendance, class participation, assignments, exams, and projects as determined by the instructor.

Course Grading Scale: 90 – 100 A

80 – 89 B 70 – 79 C 60 – 69 D 0 – 59 F **Attendance Policy:** The college attendance policy is available at http://www.bpcc.edu/catalog/current/academicpolicies.html

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