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Developing Discipline-Specific Pronunciation Through a WIKI

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Session Overview:

Developing mastery of discipline-specific terminology is frequently difficult for many ITAs, but crucial for their success in classroom communication. ITAs who are able to communicate with relative clarity using everyday English and common academic terminology often slip into producing incomprehensible speech when using terms from their discipline. Existing materials designed to help ITAs develop control of pronunciation do not address much of the terminology ITAs need to practice in order to develop comprehensible speech in the discipline.

The presenters describe how their discipline-specific pronunciation materials help ITAs increase their control of and their facility with this terminology. After a brief description of how this project has evolved, the presenters demonstrate the materials. The instructional materials, available through a WIKI, focus on helping students develop their pronunciation of discipline-specific terms in interactional classroom contexts.

Chemistry Terminology Website:

<https://wiki.brown.edu/confluence/display/CHEM/Chemistry+Language>

Confluence:

<http://www.atlassian.com/software/confluence/wiki.jsp>

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