

Toastmasters Speechcraft™ Program

Speechcraft is a blended learning program designed to provide optimal support for learners interested in building their communication and public speaking skills. The directed learning portion of Speechcraft is delivered by an experienced public speaker, most often a member of Toastmasters International. The follow-up, or individual, learning intended to support the in-person sessions is delivered online through interactive materials designed specifically for adult learners.

The online projects include instruction on subjects that are designed to directly and immediately impact each learner's public speaking skills. The projects include:



Choose a Topic

- ▶ This project focuses on defining a topic that will deliver a speaker's message while supporting the needs and expectations of an audience.



Prepare to Present

- ▶ The heart of successful public speaking begins with a solid topic and a well-written speech. It ends with accomplished delivery of that speech. This project focuses on how to write a speech that conveys a message and on methods learners can use to prepare for their presentation.



Giving and Receiving Feedback

- ▶ Part of the Toastmasters experience reflected in Speechcraft is an emphasis on evaluation and feedback. Feedback is core to communication, learning, and leadership. This project focuses on how to receive an evaluation and how to share supportive, effective feedback with others.



Know Your Purpose

- ▶ As learners write and deliver speeches, the focus of the Speechcraft program shifts to the higher-level skills required to succeed as a communicator and speaker. One of those skills is to identify and deliver a purposeful message when speaking to a group.



Body Language

- ▶ Another step to refining public speaking skills is to understand the impact of movement, gestures, and facial expressions on the effective delivery of a speech. This project focuses on developing a skilled approach to body language when delivering a speech.



How to Evaluate

- ▶ This project includes the opportunity to review a speech and deliver feedback using evaluation materials available from Toastmasters. Learners who complete this project gain insight and practice completing an evaluation and providing professional, supportive feedback.



Vocal Variety

- ▶ The subtle impact of voice and vocal variety goes far beyond avoiding a monotone speech delivery. This project includes information on how to use voice and presence to support the successful delivery of a message to an audience.



Powerful Words

- ▶ This project emphasizes the importance of word choice when delivering a message. Practice includes understanding how to identify and deploy powerful language to create images and move an audience to action.

The powerful combination of proven education and the guidance of successful public speakers makes Speechcraft a must-have for individuals and organizations looking to build skills that support communication and leadership.