

## The Vientiane College Diploma - Module Overview

### DIPSE118 Speaking Effectively

#### Overview of the module

In this course you will learn about how to become a more effective and fluent English language speaker. You will do this by learning how to engage in and manage conversations, explain your thoughts flexibly and clearly, and develop and extend your ideas while speaking. This course aims to help you feel more confident, creative, and effective while speaking English.

#### Key questions explored on the course

- How can I show connections between ideas while speaking?
- How can I politely and clearly disagree, challenge, or question someone else's ideas?
- What are the most effective ways to tell a story or give instructions?
- How can I generate new ideas to talk about while still maintaining my language accuracy?
- What are suitable topics for engaging in informal conversations?

#### Skills

This module will help you improve your English speaking skills with a special emphasis on:

- speaking effectively and fluently
- using discourse markers and other techniques to create cohesive speech
- gaining greater grammatical control over your spoken English
- speaking confidently about a range of topics, both informal and formal
- recognising and working on pronunciation and intonation issues

#### Performance Tasks

Throughout the module you will:

- give both planned and spontaneous talks (small presentations), including telling a story, giving instructions, and other topics
- engage in group discussions about various topics and texts
- participate in role-play activities with other students

