

2026 TEXAS LARYNGECTOMEE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE

VIRTUAL Learning Series	Audience: SLPs/Graduate Students
Lesson 1: Prerecorded <i>Must be completed No Later than September 11 at 11:59pm CT</i>	Nuts and Bolts of Head and Neck Cancer <i>Speaker: Jodi Knott, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CLT Kelsey-Seybold Clinic</i>
Lesson 2: Prerecorded <i>Must be completed No Later than September 11 at 11:59pm CT</i>	Introduction to Total Laryngectomy & Preoperative Counseling <i>Speaker: Betsy Ruiz, MS, CCC-SLP Parkland Hospital</i>
Lesson 3: Prerecorded <i>Must be completed No Later than September 11 at 11:59pm CT</i>	Caring for a Total Laryngectomee in the Hospital <i>Speaker: Rayna Bohmann, MA, CCC-SLP Ben Taub Hospital</i>
VIRTUAL LIVE PANEL (mandatory live attendance) September 12, 2026 9:00-10:00 am CT	Panel: Ask a Question for Lessons 1-3 <i>Panelists:</i> <i>Jodi Knott, Betsy Ruiz, and Rayna Bohmann</i>
Lesson 4: Prerecorded <i>Must be completed No Later than September 25 at 11:59pm CT</i>	Intro to Artificial Larynx <i>Speakers: Rayna Bohmann, MA, CCC-SLP, Ben Taub Hospital</i>
Lesson 5: Prerecorded <i>Must be completed No Later than September 25 at 11:59pm CT</i>	Intro to Esophageal Speech <i>Speakers: Susan Reeves, MA, CCC-SLP, Reeves Rehab</i>
Lesson 6: Prerecorded <i>Must be completed No Later than September 25 at 11:59pm CT</i>	Intro to Tracheoesophageal (TE) Speech <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
VIRTUAL LIVE PANEL (mandatory live attendance) September 26, 2026 9:00-10:00 am CT	Panel: Ask a Question for Lessons 4-5 (mandatory live attendance) <i>Panelists: Rayna Bohmann and Susan Reeves</i>
VIRTUAL LIVE VIEWING (mandatory live attendance) October 10, 2026 9:00-11:00 am CT	Documentary Screening Hosted by Atos Medical, Inc. <i>Can you Hear my Voice?</i>

IMPORTANT:

All SLPs and Graduate Students must complete the following virtual educational requirements prior to attending the In-Person Texas Laryngectomee Conference.

- Complete the Pre-recorded Lessons 1-6 on Teachable
- Attend the two virtual live panels from **9:00-10:00 am CT** on the following dates:
 - **Saturday, September 12, 2026**
 - **Saturday, September 26, 2026**
- Attend the Virtual Live Viewing of the documentary, **Can you Hear my Voice?** from **9:00-11:00am CT on Saturday, October 10, 2026**

NOTE: After registering for the TLA, you will receive Zoom invites for the live panels and documentary viewing from Monica Garcia at mmg07e@acu.edu and an invite to activate your Teachable account from @tx.teachable.com email.

- To review the pre-recorded lessons and take the quiz for each lesson login to your **Teachable account**. Please pay close attention to the due dates to review the pre-recorded lessons so you are prepared to ask questions during the live panels.
- For the mandatory live virtual panels and the mandatory viewing of the documentary, you will log into the **Zoom** link sent by Monica Garcia.

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SATURDAY 10/17/2026	AUDIENCE: Laryngectomees/Caregivers		AUDIENCE: SLPs/Graduate Students
7:00-8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast	7:00-8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:30	Opening Ceremony (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Welcome: Julie Bishop-Leone, Executive Director</i> <i>Intro: EL, Esophageal and TE speakers</i>	8:00-8:30	Opening Ceremony (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Welcome: Julie Bishop-Leone, Executive Director</i> <i>Intro: EL, Esophageal and TE speakers</i>
8:30-9:00	Laryngectomy 101: Review (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: Betsy Ruiz, MS, CCC-SLP</i> <i>Parkland Hospital</i>	8:30-9:00	Laryngectomy 101: Review (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: Betsy Ruiz, MS, CCC-SLP</i> <i>Parkland Hospital</i>
9:00-10:00	Laryngectomee Support Panel: Support Groups, Respiratory Care, Emotional Support (Location: TBD) <i>Panelists: TBD</i>	9:00-10:00	Larynx Cancer: What are the Treatment Options? (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
10:00-10:30	Break and Vendor Visitation	10:00-10:30	Break and Vendor Visitation
10:30-11:15	Radiation Therapy 101: What is it? How Does it Impact the Patient? (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: TBD</i>	10:30-11:15	Radiation Therapy 101: What is it? How Does it Impact the Patient (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
11:15-12:15	ELECTROLARYNX & ESOPHAGEAL SPEECH BOOTCAMPS (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speakers: Jodi Knott, MS, CCC-SLP, Kelsey Seybold Clinic</i> <i>Susan Reeves, MA, CCC-SLP, Reeves Rehabilitation</i>	11:15-12:15	ELECTROLARYNX & ESOPHAGEAL BOOTCAMPS (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speakers: Jodi Knott, MS, CCC-SLP, Kelsey Seybold Clinic</i> <i>Susan Reeves, MA, CCC-SLP, Reeves Rehabilitation</i>
12:15-1:15	Lunch with a SLP Student or SLP (Grand Ballroom, Salon A&B)	12:15-1:15	Lunch with a Laryngectomee (Grand Ballroom, Salon A&B)
1:15-2:00	Sharing your Favorite Tips and Tricks (Stephen F Austin, Salon F) <i>Moderator: Betsy Ruiz, MS, CCC-SLP</i> <i>Parkland Hospital</i>	1:15-2:00	Swallowing after Total Laryngectomy (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
2:00-3:00	Head and Neck ‘Swelling’: What is It? (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: TBD</i>	2:00-3:00	Head and Neck ‘Swelling’: What is It? (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
3:00-3:30	Break and Vendor Visitation	3:00-3:30	Break and Vendor Visitation
3:30-4:30	Mix and Match (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: Elizabeth Durand, MA, CCC-SLP</i>	3:30-4:30	Mix and Match (Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E) <i>Speaker: Elizabeth Durand, MA, CCC-SLP</i>
5:00	Meet and Greet (Grand Ballroom, Salon A&B)	5:00	Meet and Greet (Grand Ballroom, Salon A&B)

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SUNDAY 10/18/2026	Laryngectomee & Family/Friends	Spouses & Caregivers ONLY		SLP/Graduate Students
7:00-8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast		7:00-8:00	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:00-9:00	Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Heat & Moisture Exchangers (HME) & Attachments <i>(Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E)</i> <i>Speaker: Julie Bishop-Leone MA, CCC-SLP, PMP, Prosci</i>	Specialized Medical Care <i>(Stephen F Austin, Salon F)</i> <i>Elizabeth Durand, MA, CCC-SLP</i>	8:00-9:00	Pulmonary Rehabilitation: Heat & Moisture Exchangers (HME) & Attachments <i>(Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E)</i> <i>Speaker: Julie Bishop-Leone MA, CCC-SLP, PMP, Prosci</i>
9:00-10:00	Simple, Practical Tips for Better Health and Device Life: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diet • GI Issues & Reflux • Stomal/Respiratory Care • Oral Care • Device Care <i>(Stephen F Austin, Salon F)</i> <i>Speakers: TBD</i> <i>Moderators: Julie Bishop-Leone, MA, CCC-SLP, PMP, Prosci & Betsy Ruiz, MS, CCC-SLP (Parkland Hospital)</i>		9:00-10:00	TE Troubleshooting <i>(Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E)</i> <i>Speaker: Jodi Knott, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, CLT Kelsey-Seybold Clinic</i>
10:00-10:30	Break and Vendor Visitation		10:00-10:30	Break and Vendor Visitation
10:30-12:30	Speech Clinic: Need help with your speech (ex: artificial larynx, esophageal or TEP), getting a good seal or controlling mucus, come get expert advice and/or try out devices during this session. Caregivers and significant others should join too. <i>(Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E)</i> <i>SLPs & VENDORS</i>	Caring/Supporting/Advocating for your Loved One: Ask the Experts (10:30-11:30) <i>(Stephen F Austin, Salon F)</i> <i>Marilyn Brick</i> Emergency Care and CPR (11:30-12:30) <i>(Stephen F Austin, Salon F)</i> <i>Speaker: TBD</i>	10:30-12:30	Speech Clinic: Need help with your speech (ex: artificial larynx, esophageal or TEP), getting a good seal or controlling mucus, come get expert advice and/or try out devices during this session. Caregivers and significant others should join too. <i>(Grand Ballroom, Salon D&E)</i> <i>SLPs & VENDORS</i>
12:30-1:00	Social Hour		12:30-1:00	Student Test



Checklist of Tasks Prior to the In-Person Texas Laryngectomee Association for Graduate Students

Think of these tasks as a pre-requisite virtual course for the 2026 TLA Annual Conference. Completing them will give you the shared background knowledge needed to follow the in-person sessions, participate in discussion, and apply what you learned. **All tasks are mandatory** and must be completed before the in-person conference on Saturday, October 17 and Sunday October 18, 2026.

Done	Task	Due	Notes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Register for the conference		Click on the Scholarship Student Registration button to register.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Book your hotel room (Sheraton link)		Hotel is central billing; a \$50 incidental authorization hold will be placed at check-in.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Pre-recorded Lessons #1-3 and quizzes (Teachable)	9/11/2026 at 11:59pm CT	You will receive an email invitation to activate your Teachable account from tx.teachable.com.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend Virtual Live Panel	9/12/2026, 9:00-10:00am CT	Prepare to ask the panelists questions that you have from Lessons #1-3. Hosted on Zoom (invite sent by Monica Garcia at mmg07e@acu.edu).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Complete Pre-recorded Lessons #4-6 and quizzes (Teachable)	9/25/2026 at 11:59pm CT	Log on to your Teachable account to complete.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend Virtual Live Panel on Lessons #4-6	9/26/2026, 9:00-10:00am CT	Prepare to ask the panelists questions that you have from Lessons #4-6. Hosted on Zoom (invite sent by Monica Garcia at mmg07e@acu.edu).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Attend Virtual Live Viewing of the Documentary, <i>Can you Hear my Voice?</i>	October 10, 2026, 9:00-11:00am CT	Zoom invite sent from Monica Garcia (mmg07e@acu.edu).
<input type="checkbox"/>	Review the in-person conference agendas	Prior to October 17, 2026	Take a look at the agenda.

Readiness check: Before arriving in person, you should be able to explain (in your own words) the key takeaways from the Teachable lessons.

For further assistance:

- For assistance with Teachable or the Zoom links, please contact Monica Garcia at mmg07e@acu.edu.
- For assistance with conference or hotel registrations, please contact Marilyn Brick at mbrick4660@gmail.com.