

Further Professional Development

To keep a growth mindset is the first step of further development. I think going to these workshops with an open mind has helped me grow so much in the past. I am attending two STARTALK programs this summer, learnt a lot from my peers, they are wonderful and helpful. I haven't attended any STARTALK spring or fall conference yet, one of my goals is to attend at least one of them in the coming fall or summer! This is an example of how I have a growth mindset.

There are a few of different ways in which I can grow professionally. There are many workshops and conferences out there that can help provide me with information and training to help me learn more about language education. Some that were mentioned were CAL institutes, Language Resource Centers, ACTFL, and STARTALK. What I'm now focusing is how to effectively involve in all kinds of language workshops and conference related to foreign language teaching and STARTALK applying to become a more professional lecturer, as well as my doctoral study and hope to be a future researcher.

After looking through professional development options, there are several opportunities that interest me, they will help me grow professionally:

- 1) The other STARTALK Chinese Teacher Program: I would love to attend this program to help me with teaching Mandarin during my summer STARTALK program.
- 2) ACTFL Proficiency Workshop: I would love to learn more about the oral proficiency interviews (OPI) and other assessments ACTFL has to offer.
- 3) CAL Institute's Foundations of Dual Language Immersion: This would help me with my program during the school year because I teach at an immersion school.
- 4) TESOL Conference: I will definitely want to attend next year's TESOL conference because I would like to get new ideas on different ways to teach Mandarin to young children.
- 5) CARLA's Teaching Heritage Languages and Learners: I have a few heritage learners in my immersion school, and I definitely would like to learn more about how to work with these students.