

University of Virginia Star Talk Chinese Teacher Academy

Professional Goal

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To be an effective Chinese teacher is always my professional goal. After this program, I am fully convinced that teaching Chinese in an immersion teaching environment is doable. I also strongly believe that teaching Chinese with thematic units and task-based instruction is the most effective way for students to engage and be motivated to learn Chinese. However, creating a good thematic curriculum requires a lot of time and effort to plan, develop, and collect authentic materials. With five different courses to prepare, I do not have time to change my teaching completely within a short period of time. My professional goal is to convert my teaching approach and curriculum first in my advanced classes to be a student-centered, 90% immersion, task-based activities course this year. Then, I will convert the other classes, one level each year. I hope within the next five years to use immersion with thematic units in all of my classes.