

Nai-I H. Finney

Education

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas Jan. 2009-May 2011
M.A. in Curriculum & Teaching, Graduate Licensure Program in Chinese with ESOL Endorsement
■GPA: 3.87

National Taiwan University, Taipei, Taiwan Sep. 2000-Jun. 2005
Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Social Work
■*Recipient of the Student Service Education Award*
-*Top five percent of students who excelled in the service courses are entitled to this award*

Teaching Certificates

State of Kansas Two-Year Initial License in Foreign Language Effective June 2011

Certificate of Proficiency in Teaching Chinese as a Second/Foreign Language Oct. 2008
■*Issued by Ministry of Education in Taiwan*

Teaching Experience

Topeka Public School, Topeka, Kansas Aug. 2011-Present
Chinese Language/ELL Teacher
■*Develop Chinese curriculum and teach Chinese language classes at Topeka High School.*
■*Teach elementary level English language learners at pull-out classes*

Park Hill School District, Kansas City, Missouri Feb.-May 2011
Student Teacher
■*Assumed full responsibility for one Chinese I class and two Chinese II classes in a high school setting*
■*Observed and taught elementary level ESL students in pull-out classes*

KU Confucius Institute, Overland Park, Kansas Sep. 2009-May 2011
Substitute Teacher
■*Taught as a substitute teacher for high school Chinese classes in video-conference setting*
■*Planned and presented lessons for Community Chinese I in the Lawrence Section, 1.5 hours per week*

Middlebury-Monterey Language Academy, Vermont Jun. 22-Jul. 25 2010
Chinese Teacher
■*Taught intermediate-level Chinese to a group of six high school students in an immersion setting*
■*Developed and conducted elective courses of Chinese Culture for novice and advanced levels*
■*Assisted with student assignments in the study time*

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas Sep. 2009-May 2010
Graduate Teaching Assistant in Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures
■*Planned and presented lessons for Chinese Characters for Heritage Learners course*
■*Created syllabus for Fall 2009 and Spring 2010*
■*Developed assessments for students*

Sammuk Christian Academy, Chonburi, Thailand Oct. 2005-Mar. 2007
Chinese Language Teacher
■*Taught as a full time teacher, 20 classroom hours per week, 15~25 high school students in each class*
■*Designed and facilitated Chinese Cultural activity class*

Related Experience

Virginia STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy, Charlottesville, Virginia Jun. 25-Jul. 13 2012
Received intensive training and practicum experience

KU Confucius Institute, Overland Park, Kansas Jul. 2009&Jul. 2011
Volunteered in Chinese Jump! Camp, observed and assisted the teachers

Oklahoma City Chinese School, Oklahoma City, OK Jan.2008-Dec. 2008
Weekly Teacher of Intermediate Level Chinese