

After teaching Chinese as a foreign language at various levels in North America for over eighteen years, I have thoroughly enjoyed this career and dedicated my life to be a respectful Chinese teacher. Although my Bachelor and Master Degrees are both in Medicinal Science from China and Canada, I have constantly been pursuing teaching career, seeking to achieve the professional level in the past eighteen years. Teaching career has essentially become my affection and addiction. In the last few years, I passed the China National Mandarin Proficiency Test and received a certificate for attending College Board AP training in 2007. I also entitled by the Colorado Department of Education to teach Chinese Language and Culture in public K-12 schools in Colorado States.

My experience in teaching Chinese has covered much of my career life. I began my teaching career in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada in 1992. Since then, I have taught many native and non-heritage Chinese students with many different backgrounds and levels. In order to allow my students to reach the highest quality of Chinese education possible, I have participated in as many training sessions and proficiency tests as possible for career improvement and obtaining various teaching idea to suit the current communication challenges. These include domestic training workshops such as “Teaching Chinese in American Schools” from Douglas County Schools to “Professional License Renewal Workshop for Teaching Chinese Language and Culture” at the University of Colorado. Attending international training classes in Beijing, Guangzhou and Shanghai in China have become my summer routine tasks.

My goal is to open the door and opportunity for American student and people to explore to the wonderful Chinese language and culture. As one of the global citizens, I believe people should not let the language obstruct our communications and activities. As the communication technique changes immensely, the distance from each other is getting closer and closer. The challenges grow as we communicate different background and ethnics groups all over the world in daily basis. Throughout my years of teaching, my primary goal is to allow the Chinese language and culture to be exposed and experienced by all people without any barrier. I hope to reveal the wonders and importance of Chinese to my students by letting the students experiencing the language and culture firsthand without difficulty.

While I was not initially trained to teach this field, I have learned to improve consistently and further divulge the Chinese language and culture. I believe taking STARTALK training is not only improving my professional career, but will also benefiting my students.