

When I moved to America several years ago, I noticed that there is a strong interest of learning Chinese language in various local communities. In New Jersey, New York and many parts of America, Chinese is offered as an elective in both private and public schools. Many of my friends' children are learning Chinese and the feedback I had from them is that Chinese is difficult. In addition, they are not able to speak even though they attend regular classes. Believing that I can change that perspective and situation, I decided to become a Chinese Language teacher.

I attended high school in England and went to college in Hawaii. Upon graduation, I worked in Los Angeles before returning to Singapore. I was a professor at the School of Business, Singapore Polytechnic for over 10 years where I had the opportunity to teach students from various cultural backgrounds. This exposure had deepened my understanding of students' different learning styles.

My work as a language consultant in New Jersey had further prepared me. I now work as a high school Chinese teacher at Tech Valley High School in New York. I am excited about the many teaching methods and strategies I learned in this program and could not wait to apply them in my classroom. With persistence and patience, I am confident that I will live up to what I have planned to do at the beginning – to make Chinese fun and easy to learn.