

Future Professional Goals

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My ideal long-term professional goals in the future are:

First: Teaching Chinese language through integrating a balance of theories, such as communications, cultures, connections, comparisons, and communities as outlined in the *Standards for Foreign Language Learning in the 21st Century* (published by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages), and practices into the curriculum that can provide students varied opportunities to develop their language skills.

Second: focusing on creating a learner-centered environment while I am teaching across three communicative modes (interpersonal, interpretive, and presentational) to enhance students' listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills. I would like to provide interesting and fun ways for students to learn Chinese language as much as I can.

Third: creating new materials, meaning-based and fun activities that can provide students with the opportunity to connect between the Chinese language and Chinese culture in order to enhance their Chinese language abilities and help them appreciate Chinese culture. I want to write a Chinese text book that can present my thoughts on teaching both the Chinese language and Chinese culture.

To accomplish these professional goals mentioned above, I have the short-term goals.

First: As a life-long learner, I believe in the Chinese proverb (活到老学到老).

This proverb always encourages me to keep learning new and professional skills that can develop my teaching techniques. I am planning to finish my Master's degree on Teaching Chinese as a Second Language within five years.

Second: I will keep learning new modern technologies that can help me while am teaching. Teaching is my labor of love. To watch my students build up their Chinese skills always makes me very happy. I think it is worthwhile to devote my whole life to it.