

# Self -Introduction

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I have been teaching for seven years and look forward to the opportunity to refresh and renew many of the principals and techniques I learned pursuing my Master Degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, University of Sydney). I appreciate the opportunity that the UVA Star Talk program is offering me to enhance my teaching foundation in theories and practices.

I am currently teaching beginner level Chinese from Pre K through <sup>th</sup> Grade at Aim High Institute, a charter school in Chandler, AZ. I also teach Pre-school Chinese and Bilingual Chinese at a private school named Hope Chinese School.

I used to be an English teacher at Shang Hai University of Finance and Economics. During that time, I also taught Kid's Phonics and Adult IELTS in training centers such as Longre IELTS and Global IELTS. I recognized that Chinese would become next global popular foreign language. Therefore, I choose to leave my comfort zone of teaching English and went back to school to get TCSOL (Teaching Chinese to Speakers of Other Languages) & TCFL (Teaching Chinese as a Foreign Language) certificates.

Inspired by the passion of language and the opportunity of promoting Chinese, I started my own training company working together with International College of South China Normal University. I was the general manager of the teacher training program (TCSOL & TCFL).

From Dr. Tseng's Star Talk program, I have achieved more than what I expected to learn. I can't wait to share this experience with other Chinese teachers in my district.