

My name is Mei Hu. I am a high school Chinese teacher in Minnesota. I came to the United States in 2006 with my family.

I used to be an ESL teacher in China. I had teaching experience in elementary school, middle school, high school, and college level. I enjoyed the interactions with different students and be a helpful part in their learning process. These teaching experience helped me to find my strong interest in language teaching . After I settled down in Minnesota, I took the licensure program in second language and culture from University of Minnesota , graduated with a master of education degree and state license in teaching Chinese as a foreign language . Then I taught Chinese 1-4 in a high school till present .

High school teaching is both challenging and rewarding for me. I have students from different cultural background and different family status. I always need to think and find strategies to meet students' different learning needs. The greatest reward from my work is to hear students say that they enjoy my classes and learned something useful for them. I like to see the smiles and excitement from students when they make progresses by efforts. Through high school teaching, I get to know better about the characteristics of this age group and their learn process. All these will help me to develop more effective strategies and my own teaching style.

Besides teaching work, I also attended many professional development workshops and meetings. I joined the CARLA summer institute for language teachers, STATALK program for Chinese teachers, National Chinese Teacher Conference, etc. All these trainings keep me informed in current educational research and provided chances for me to exchange ideas with other language teachers.