

My name is Ru-Miin Wang 王如敏 and I earned a Master of Arts degree at The University Texas at Austin in biological science. After graduation, I worked as a research assistant studying monoclonal antibodies at the Baylor University Medical Center at Dallas.

I have been teaching Chinese for 15 years. I first started teaching Chinese at a weekend Chinese heritage school. From there, I worked in an after-school care Chinese school, a Chinese bilingual pre-K and kindergarten program in Plano ISD, and now this is my fourth year teaching at Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas ISD.

I am very organized. When I worked at Baylor University Medical Center, I cataloged and did inventory on all of the chemicals that were used in the laboratory. Besides teaching Chinese, I have also worked as the registrar of an after-school care/summer camp. Some of the duties included entering students' information, processing tuition, issuing receipts, and producing various reports. In order to make the operation more efficient, I created a data base for all of the students' information using Microsoft Access, which I taught myself.

To better my professional knowledge and skills, I have participated in various training programs and workshops every year. Last summer, I earned 3 graduate credits from the University of Houston. This summer, I am going to take graduate courses at both the University of Virginia and the Chinese Culture University in Taiwan for 5 graduate credits in total.

I am passionate about teaching the Chinese language. I have taught students whose ages range from prekindergarten to high school and whose backgrounds also vary (ie. heritage, non-heritage, suburb school, and social economic disadvantage students). Every student enriches my life in some way, from being able to learn from their own cultures and ideas to seeing them learn and grow throughout the course of the curriculum. It is also my hope that I will have helped and influenced some aspect of each of my students every year. Just as we are all lifelong learners, as I learn from them, they also learn from me.