

I started my teaching career in the US in 2004 as a weekend-school Chinese teacher at San Diego North County Chinese School. I then joined Francis Parker School in 2007, where I'm teaching multi-level Chinese classes from Chinese 1 to Pre-AP Chinese. I am originally from China and have experience in teaching Chinese at different levels, from enriched programs for young kids to Chinese Language and Literature classes for college students.

I was selected by the National Security Language Initiative STARTALK program as a qualified Chinese teacher in 2008, and was named an Outstanding Senior Chinese Teacher of Southern California Council of Chinese Schools in 2009.

I am passionate about education because I am a constant learner myself. I believe that teaching is a learning experience. I choose the teaching profession, because I have an abiding interest in helping young people experience success in school. I believe that the best teachers inspire excellence in my students and encourage students to develop their communication skills for a balanced life. I love Chinese dance and Chinese martial arts. I am a vegan and practice meditation.

I had participated in STARTALK programs ran by Teaching Chinese Resources in Southern California from 2008 to 2013. During my time there, I began to pick up theories including 5 Cs, IPA, performance-based and task-based approaches, and backward design. Examining my own teaching with these theories and approaches definitely improve my teaching.

I have also participated in STARTALK Chinese Teacher Academy ran by University of Virginia in 2013. It was three very intensive weeks, but the best three weeks of professional development! I have learned so much from Dr. Tseng, especially how to use the communicative instructional strategies in the class and use 100% target language to teach. This program was a fantastic and worthy experience to me. I have not only become a more confident and effective teacher but also made friends with the most wonderful and talented people!