

University of Virginia Star Talk Chinese Teacher Academy

Professional Goals

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I plan to continue my professional development skills by taking additional courses and programs in CSL (Chinese as a Second Language) acquisition and education courses.

I want to design more communicative and authentic tasks by using the target language to produce comprehensible input in classes and use body language, facial expressions, and gestures to create an immersion class. I will do my best to use the target language to teach. It will be my ultimate goal to use Chinese exclusively in the classroom for different levels.

My goal is also to be an effective Chinese teacher who knows how to successfully manage classrooms and who knows how to use different teaching methods in order to fit the student's needs.

I hope that by this time next year I can be proud of the progress my students have made in Chinese by the performance on tests.

My goals for the next five years are:

- I want to either complete a second master's degree with concentration in Chinese literature and rhetoric or and education degree that supports my future learning as I try to find a suitable university for my PHD studies in Chinese or Education.
- I also want to obtain a full time University teaching position in Chinese language or culture.
- I would also like to have published at least 2 or 3 pieces of research connected to my studies and professional experiences.