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Objective

A k-adult Chinese language teacher looking for a college teacher position, where I can apply my over twenty years of teaching experiences, student oriented instructions, technology and curriculum development skills to support students growth and success.

Summary of Qualifications

Flexible and organized professional teacher with more than 20 years teaching expertise with K-adult students in China, Japan, Belgium and USA; Successful and proficient Chinese language and culture teaching pedagogy approved by peers and students; National standard Chinese proficiency certificate Grade A, Level I receiver; Decent education background in prestigious education facilities all over the world; A certified Chinese language educator, lifelong learner and caring mother with three different age groups of children.

Teaching Experiences

Renascence School International, Costa Mesa, CA

May 2017-Present

Chinese Language Art and Culture Teacher

Teach K-12th grade Chinese Language and culture and 4th-12th grade Singapore math; Design and establish Chinese and culture curriculum until AP level

California State University Long Beach, CA

Sep.2019-Present

Research assistant, Teacher assistant and Language Lab Tutor

Participate in a research project of interactional linguistics and discourse analysis; Assist instructing and grading undergraduate student Chinese language learning in classroom setting and CSULB language lab

ACE Academy/ Champion Chinese School, Cypress, CA

Dec.2012-Present

Chinese Language Art and Culture Teacher

Coastal Chinese School, Torrance, CA

Sep.2008- Jun.2012

Vice Principal, Chinese Language Teacher

Conduct large, small groups and individual Chinese teaching within different age groups of students based on differentiated learning approach to help reach full potential; Assist with management and teacher recruitment of Chinese school; In charge of the development and establishment of curriculum and teaching pedagogy at Chinese school.

Liaoning Normal University, Dalian, China

Jul.2003-Jul.2004

Lecturer

Teach large group of undergraduate students in the Department of Biology; Conduct research project of environmental microbiology with a team in the Department of Biology

Education and Professional Trainings

California State University Long Beach, CA

Sep.2019-Present

Graduate student

To be completed in May 2021 in Asian American Studies major in Teaching Chinese as a Second Language

Chinese Academy of Sciences, China

Sep. 2000-Jun.2003

Doctor of Science

Participate international research project of Chinese Academy of Sciences and Belgian Ministry of Education as a research assistant; Instruct graduate students as a teaching assistant

University of Tokyo, Japan

Sep.2004-Apr.2008

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Conduct research project of Environmental microbiology with research teams of Ocean Research Institute of Tokyo University and Kumamoto University in Japan

Ghent University and Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium Sep.2002-Feb.2003

Research Scholar

Participate international research project of Chinese Academy of Sciences and Belgian Ministry of Education, working with microbiologists in Ghent University and Leuven University of Belgium

Educator Workshop and Professional Development

May 2017-Present

Participate language teacher professional development organized by various language education organizations, such as ACTFL, CLASS, IFLTA, CEAS etc.; Online teaching technology and language teaching pedagogy online and offline training

Rancho Academy Community College Teacher Cohort, Orange, CA Feb.2, 2021-Present

Learn education philosophy, administrative policies and student population in community college; Participate mentor program and prepare for community college teacher career track

Professional Affiliations

ACTFL Member

May 2020-May 2021

American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages

CLASS Member

May 2020-May.2021

Chinese Language Association of Secondary-Elementary Schools

CLTA Member

Mar.2021-Mar.2022

Chinese Language Teacher Association

Honors and Awards

San-Pao Li Scholarship awarded by California State University Long Beach for excellent performance in Chinese studies, May 2020.