



Dear Teachers of Chinese,

The North Central College Chinese department has secured a STARTALK grant which will provide funding for a Chinese Teacher Program for 12 pre-service and in-service teachers of Chinese language. This year's theme is Integrating Authentic Materials, Effective Teaching Strategies and Technology, and will focus on how to use mixed media and other cultural tools in the classroom to teach Mandarin Chinese. The Chinese Teacher Program will use both a combination of online and face-to-face workshops to provide professional development opportunities for teachers. The on-site meetings and online modules will be led by nationally known teacher trainers, experienced high school teachers, and college professors.

The dates of the STARTALK Chinese Teacher Program will take place from June 14 to June 29, 2019. The program, with a total instructional time of over 90 hours, combines a 10-day face-to-face workshop and 5 online modules, to guide participants to use authentic materials and apply effective teaching strategies in unit and lesson planning. To ensure the continued support for participants' application of training content, two post-program reunion and sharing activities are designed during the fall and winter. The expected outcomes are that participants are able to select age-appropriate authentic materials for their lessons, scaffold student learning through effective teaching strategies and tools, and develop performance-based assessment using authentic materials. We also hope this year's teacher program encourages current and future language teachers to venture into adapting STARTALK principles to achieve robust classroom dynamics.

Space is limited for STARTALK North Central College Chinese Teacher Program. If you are interested, please send the following application along with your resume to startalk@noctrl.edu. More information can be found on the North Central College website: <https://www.northcentralcollege.edu/college-arts-sciences/chinese>. The application is due **May 13, 2019**. A selection committee will review all submissions, and the 12 accepted applicants will be notified via e-mail by **May 20, 2019**. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing from you regarding your interest in this endeavor!

Sincerely,

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**2019 North Central College STARTALK Teacher
Program: “Integrating Authentic Materials, Effective
Teaching Strategies and Technology” Application**

Contact Information

Name: _____

LAST

FIRST

MIDDLE INITIAL

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone: _____

Educational Experience

Highest Degree Obtained: _____ Field: _____

School Name: _____

Dates Attended: _____ Degree Obtained: _____

The grade level you are teaching or you are interested in teaching: _____

Teaching Experience

Institution Name: _____ Courses Taught: _____

School Address: _____

Other Relevant Teaching Experience: _____

Statement of Purpose

In up to 300 words in English, please explain why you would like to participate in the Chinese Teacher Program through STARTALK North Central College?

In up to 300 words in English, please explain which types of authentic materials (i.e., Chinese television shows, movies, songs, etc.) you've used before. Please also list any specific projects, teaching strategies or technologies you would like to improve through this training.

Please send this application along with a copy of your resume to startalk@noctrl.edu so we can continue with the application process. Thank you!