



Delaware Lighthouse Chinese Partnership: A STARTALK Summer Program of Early Language Learning

July 23-August 10, 2012

8:30 am-3:30 pm

Shields Elementary School

Cape Henlopen School District

Lewes and Rehoboth Beach, DE

The Cape Henlopen School District in partnership with the University of Delaware College of Education and the Delaware Department of Education is pleased to present the Delaware ***Lighthouse Chinese Partnership: A STARTALK Summer Program of Early Language Learning***. This opportunity offers the optimal setting for learning the methods and instructional strategies that promote high levels of proficiency in early language learning and for the observation of these Chinese best practices under the guidance of expert teachers and nationally recognized world language experts.

Goals

The goals of the Delaware Lighthouse Chinese Partnership Summer Program for Teacher Participants are:

- (1) Offering a methodology course that focuses on early language learning (curriculum, assessment, and instruction) and that meets the unique needs of Chinese language teachers and teacher candidates
- (2) Providing an early language learning practicum experience in which pre-service and alternative-route teachers can observe and participate in best practices; and
- (3) Providing real learning opportunities in a school setting so that participants learn to effectively manage an early language learning classroom setting.

Program Description

This intensive three-week program is divided into two University of Delaware graduate courses. The first week will consist of the Early Language Learning Methods Course. Dr. Helena Curtain, co-author of *Languages and Children: Making the Match*, and UD professor Dr. Zhiyin Renée Dong will lead this course. Dr. Gregory Fulkerson, Education Associate for World Languages and International Education from the Delaware Department of Education, will also present on the Delaware Recommended Curriculum for World Languages and how it promotes early language learning and continued proficiency growth.

The second two weeks will provide a practicum course as teacher participants actually take part in the Lighthouse Chinese Partnership's Chinese day camp for children in grades K-5. Practicum participants will observe master teachers and design and facilitate learning opportunities for the campers throughout the two week period.

The program may be taken for university graduate credit or for continuing professional development hours. If taken for credit, Delaware residents and current teachers are eligible for a tuition reduction scholarship that will reduce the cost to \$475/credit. **If taken for continuing professional development hours, no tuition fee is involved.**

Costs

Those who are accepted into this program will be provided the following at no charge:

- Lodging for twenty nights in a conveniently located hotel
- Breakfast and lunch daily (excluding weekends)
- Transportation to and from hotel to camp site
- Textbooks and classroom materials

What's not covered ...

- Tuition costs if program is taken for university credit, including university registration fee (\$25), activity fee (\$25) and general fee (\$15)
- Evening and weekend meals
- Transportation to and from Rehoboth Beach, DE

Who Should Apply

This intensive summer early language learning teacher training program targets two audiences: (1) pre-service and alternative-route teachers who are seeking K-12 certification in Chinese; and (2) in-service Chinese teachers who have K-12 certification but who may not have experience with teaching Chinese to younger children. Delaware Chinese teachers have first priority, but teachers in the neighboring states and around the country are also strongly encouraged to apply.

How and When to Apply

To apply for this program, please submit the following:

Completed and signed STARTALK application form

A one-page cover letter that describes your educational and language background, teaching experience, if any, and reasons for participating in this program.

Résumé or CV

Application deposit: a check in the amount of \$65 payable to the University of Delaware to cover course fees ***if the program is being taken for university credit***

Online registration for the two courses through the University of Delaware, if university credit is desired

Signed liability release form

Signed media rights release form

Application and online registration must be completed by **June 1**. Submit via email, fax or regular post, the application, cover letter, resume and signed release forms to

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