

About STARTALK

STARTALK was launched as a new component in the programs of the National Security Language Initiative (NSLI) announced by former President Bush in January of 2006. The initiative seeks to expand and improve the teaching and learning of strategically important world languages that are not now widely taught in the US. Other programs under the NSLI umbrella include Title VI/Fulbright Hays programs of the US Department of Education, The National Security Education program of the National Defense University (<http://www.ndu.edu/>), and study abroad and exchange programs of the US Department of State (<http://www.state.gov/>).

The STARTALK Chinese Teacher and Student Program in summer 2011 is the first STARTALK program offered at Troy University.



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**Troy STARTALK
Chinese Language Teacher Professional
Development Training Program**

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STARTALK Chinese Language Teacher Summer Program



Program Description:

- ✚ The goal of the program is to develop a cadre of Chinese language teachers with the dispositions, knowledge, and skills needed to create and support a new generation of highly effective World Language educators.
- ✚ The program will invite 25 participants including instructional supervisors, methods instructors, and potential master teachers.
- ✚ The participants will engage in a professional development program covering Second Language Acquisition (SLA) theory, language and culture instructional methods and assessments, curriculum design, language assessment, Chinese language structure and selecting the learning

resources. Integral to this process will be the development of a professional learning community that will support the participants as they return to their schools and take on the responsibility and challenges of Chinese language teaching.

- ✚ This training program is designed to solve the problem of the shortage of qualified and professionally trained Chinese language teachers in Alabama, Tennessee, and Louisiana.
- ✚ The participants, either beginning or experienced Chinese language teachers, will benefit from the program in their teaching of the Chinese language regarding classroom management, and selection and evaluation of teaching resources.
- ✚ The courses offered in the program are free for all participants and the participants will receive a certificate upon completion of the program.



Who can participate?

- ✚ Participants must hold an undergraduate degree and must be teaching in, or are seeking to teach in, a K-12 Mandarin Chinese program in the states of Alabama, Louisiana, and Tennessee.



Registration

- ✚ **For complete details and registration materials, please visit**
<http://www.troy.edu/confucius/STARTALK>

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