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## **2012 Confucius Institute Chinese teacher training course**

### **Course guide**

#### **Section 1: introduction**

The Confucius Institute has designed a training course for speakers of Chinese who are interested in learning how to teach Chinese to school-age students or improve their existing teaching skills. Combining the expertise of experienced teacher trainers and academics from renowned UK universities with the practical classroom experience of the Confucius Institute and Confucius Classrooms, the course will provide participants with guidance on all aspects of teaching Chinese as a foreign language in schools in England.

#### **Section 2: about the course**

This teacher training course is designed to meet the rapidly-growing demand for trained teachers of Chinese in the UK. The course lays a great emphasis on the practical skills required to teach Chinese while also covering the more generic skills necessary for teaching in mainstream schools in England (e.g. lesson planning, national curriculum levels, differentiation, etc).

The course is suitable both as an initial introduction to the teaching of Chinese, as well as an in-service training programme. Since the course covers an introduction to the fundamentals of Chinese language necessary for effective learning and teaching of Chinese, combined with its practical application in schools, it not only caters for those who wish to become teachers of Chinese and have no teaching experience to date, but it also serves to refresh and sharpen the teaching techniques of those who are already teaching.

By the end of the course, candidates should be able to demonstrate:

- a good understanding of the main issues in language learning and language teaching in general and in the field of Chinese language learning and teaching in particular
- a good insight into the Chinese language in terms of how to facilitate the learning of Chinese by English speakers
- the practical skills required for teaching Chinese in schools
- an understanding of how modern foreign languages are taught in English schools and an ability to follow this approach.

#### **Section 3: course structure**

The course will consist of a week-long, face-to-face training course in London, covering a total of 30 hours of tuition. These 30 hours will comprise roughly 80% practical content and 20% academic content and theory.

#### **Section 4: course delivery and content**

##### Tutors

Course tutors will be experienced modern foreign language teachers from schools in England and academics from UK universities.

##### Face-to-face teaching

The course will be delivered through a series of interactive seminars. Participants will be expected to actively engage with the teachers during the seminars and complete and submit written assignments as required by the programme.

##### Content

Topics covered in seminars will include some or all of the followings:

- Strategies for teaching Chinese characters
- Impacts of linguistic and cultural differences in the learning and teaching of Chinese
- ICT and Chinese language teaching
- Differentiation and personalising learning
- Chinese culture in the language classroom and embedding Chinese and China across the curriculum in a school
- Resource evaluation matched against pedagogical discourse and assessment
- Teaching speaking and listening in Chinese lessons
- Classroom management
- Revisiting communicative language teaching
- Lesson planning and schemes of work
- The Confucius Institute: networks, support and guidance available to teachers of Chinese

##### Venue

Teaching will take place at the Schools Network headquarters in Millbank Tower, London, which is easily accessible by public transport.

##### Transport and accommodation

Students are responsible for arranging their own transport and accommodation during the course.

##### Subsistence

Lunch breaks will be provided on each day of the course. Students are responsible for providing their own lunch.

#### **Section 5: course assessment**

The course will be assessed through the following means:

1. an essay of 2,000 words in English reflecting what you have learned throughout the course
2. a 50-minute lesson planning exercise focusing on 2-3 elements of what you have learned throughout the course

Those who complete the programme successfully will be awarded a certificate by The Confucius Institute, which will be accredited by The Schools Network and Hanban.

### **Section 6: entry requirements**

All applicants should meet the following criteria:

- be a fluent/near-fluent speaker of Chinese and/or have a Chinese language degree
- have a good command of the English language
- have some formal or informal teaching experience
- demonstrate a commitment to teaching Chinese as a foreign language following the course.

If you do not meet one of the above criteria but would still like to be considered for a place on the course, please contact Naomi Li at the Confucius Institute at [chinesenetworks@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:chinesenetworks@ioe.ac.uk) to discuss your circumstances.

### **Section 7: course fees and payment**

The course costs £750 per participant. This course fee covers all tuition fees and materials. The following bursaries are available to support you in funding your place:

- **Hanban bursary – £400**

The Office of Chinese Language Council International (Hanban) has agreed to fund a number of bursaries for this course. Applicants who currently teach, have some teaching experience or intend to pursue the teaching of Chinese as a career can be eligible for a bursary of £400 towards to cost of their fees.

- **Training bursary – £350**

The IOE Confucius Institute Chinese teacher training course is a recognised Subject Knowledge Enhancement (SKE) course. Trainee teachers who are advised to undertake this course by their ITT providers may also be eligible for a further bursary of £350 from the IOE Confucius Institute. For more information about obtaining this bursary, please contact Naomi Li at the IOE Confucius Institute at [chinesenetworks@theschoolsnetwork.org.uk](mailto:chinesenetworks@theschoolsnetwork.org.uk).

Participants will be expected to pay all course fees before the start of the course. For further details, please refer to the application form.

### **Section 8: how to apply**

Applicants should download the application form from the IOE CI website and email their completed application to [chinesenetworks@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:chinesenetworks@ioe.ac.uk) before the stipulated closing date.

## **Section 9: further information**

Please contact Naomi Li at [chinesenetworks@ioe.ac.uk](mailto:chinesenetworks@ioe.ac.uk) for more information about the course.