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## PROFESSIONAL GOALS

Zhifang Cao

As a dedicated and passionate person in the field of foreign language education, I aim to bring the standard-based curriculum and effective teaching strategies, methods and practices into my Chinese classes and have the classes reach out to different cultures and communities.

Having created the curriculum for my first-year Chinese course, I plan to keep the national standards as the crucial guidelines and combine the essential five elements into the curriculum in the upcoming Chinese II, of which I have had a much more solid understanding from the Startalk UVA. During the thematic design and lesson design, my starting point will be the students' output and assessment and my teaching strategies and methods will be on the basis of these ultimate objectives. I will bring the communicative approach into the Chinese courses and make the instruction and activities effective, meaningful and communicative.

I will attend more teacher training programs, workshops, swap shops and further professional education and development, from which I not only improve my knowledge and expertise substantially in the fields of

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guiding ideology, education trend, subject content, technology, but also hear and exchange wonderful teaching activities and suggestions.

I would have Chinese as Foreign Language as my professional career and commit myself to the language and culture education. As a teacher in the mainstream American public school and the ethnically community-based Chinese school, I will work on the cause of the introduction and inter-communication of the two critical and wonderful languages and cultures in the world.

