

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This program is designed to provide an opportunity for fluent speakers of Chinese to learn pedagogical skills appropriate for PreK-12 classroom instruction and earn Ohio state teaching licensure. The program is intended to make it possible for individuals to seek employment in PreK-12 settings teaching Chinese language and culture to U.S. students. Students enrolling in this program must be fluent in Chinese and may have prior teaching experience, often in settings outside the U.S. During their time in the program, students will become familiar with school culture and practice in a contemporary American setting, teach in a real school setting under the supervision of experienced educators, and ultimately be qualified to serve as a bridge between the Chinese and American cultures. The license is earned with an associated M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction.



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www.csuohio.edu/cehs/departments/C_F/cf_chinese.html

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MASTER OF EDUCATION

PreK-12 EDUCATION IN CHINESE LANGUAGE



College of Education
& Human Services

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

This is a 33 credit hour program that encompasses 10 graduate courses, typically taken in four consecutive semesters. It leads to two credentials: A Master's degree in education, and a license to teach Chinese in Ohio.

This is a “cohort” program, which means that a group of students proceeds through all the coursework together. Program information including course requirements can be found at the following link: www.csuohio.edu/cehs/departments/C_F/cf_chinese.html

Depending on background, some people will need to take supplementary coursework in Chinese culture, Chinese literature, and/or linguistics; if you are in this situation you will be provided with more details prior to your enrollment.

Final completion of the program is realized when students meet the requirements of an internship and student teaching experiences, passing a required Ohio educator licensure examination, and passing standardized examinations on oral and written proficiency in Chinese.

PREREQUISITES/ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the Chinese Language Teaching Licensure program requires that the candidates meet the following prerequisites and criteria:

- Bachelor's degree
- Grade Point Average of 3.0 or above, or equivalent acceptable score on a standardized admission examination
- TOEFL with a minimum total test score of 78 that includes at least 17 (each) on the listening, speaking, reading, and writing sections. An equivalent on another recognized examination may be substituted; for a list of acceptable substitutes, see <http://www.csuohio.edu/international-admissions/graduate-admission-requirements>
- Fluency in written and spoken English and Mandarin Chinese

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Apply to the program through the College of Graduate Studies at Cleveland State University.

1. If you are a domestic student, visit us online at www.csuohio.edu/gradcollege/admissions/
2. If you are an international student, visit us online at www.csuohio.edu/international-admissions/international-admissions-graduate-students

Upon submitting your application to the Graduate College, you will be notified regarding your eligibility for admission.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT DOES IT COST TO COMPLETE THE CHINESE LANGUAGE TEACHER LICENSURE PROGRAM?

It costs approximately \$33,000 (U.S.) in tuition for an international student and approximately \$18,000 (U.S.) for a resident of Ohio.

For tuition and other fee details visit:
www.csuohio.edu/treasury-services/tuition-and-fees

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM?

It takes about 4-5 consecutive semesters to complete the program.

WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL EARNINGS OF A CHINESE TEACHER IN CLEVELAND, OHIO?

It depends on many specific details, but beginning teacher salaries in Northeast Ohio public schools start around \$32,000 (U.S.) for a 9-month contract.

WHAT ARE LIVING COSTS LIKE IN CLEVELAND?

Cleveland is considered a very inexpensive city to live in by U.S. standards. A reasonable estimate is approximately \$1,000 (U.S.) to \$1,500 (U.S.) per month for food and lodging. Other common expenses include health insurance, books, cell phone and possibly an automobile.

WHAT VISA STATUS IS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS PROGRAM (FOR INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS ONLY)?

To enter the program, students need an F1 (full time) visa. Students need to remain a full-time student to retain this visa status. At graduation, students can apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT) status for one year. If the student finds employment with a school district during that year, students can apply for an H1B visa. This type of visa usually lasts for three years and can be extended for up to three additional years. When applying for the H1B status, or at any time during the H1B period, students can apply for permanent residency (i.e. “Green Card”) status. Once a Green Card is held for a certain period of time, one is eligible to apply for United States citizenship.

WILL I BE ABLE TO TEACH IN ONE OF THE OTHER 49 U.S. STATES (E.G. NEW YORK) IF I EARN MY TEACHING LICENSURE IN OHIO?

This depends on the state in which you are interested in teaching. Some states recognize “reciprocity”— meaning that if you are licensed in one state the other state will recognize your license. Some states (most notably New York and California) do not recognize reciprocity with other states. In such a case, you may need to take additional coursework, pass specific tests, or go through a procedure specified by the state in which you wish to teach.

FINANCIAL AID

Many students at CSU receive various forms of financial aid during the term of their studies. Financial aid is only available to citizens of the United States; however, a limited number of assistantships are available for eligible international students.

For details about financial aid, visit:
www.csuohio.edu/financial-aid/apply-for-financial-aid

For details about scholarships, visit:
www.csuohio.edu/financial-aid/financial-aid-scholarships

