

There is an estimated need for at least 5,000 Chinese teachers in the United States by 2015. Loyola Marymount University is one of the very few universities that offer the Mandarin Bilingual MA program, in which you will fulfill the entire requirements to get credentialed.

Program Introduction

The Chinese Bilingual Teacher Education (CBTE) program prepares qualified Mandarin teachers who will conduct instruction in both Chinese and English in K-12 bilingual immersion or foreign language classrooms. Successful graduate will receive a “3 in 1” package: a Single/Multiple Subject Credential, an MA degree in Bilingual Elementary/Secondary Education and a BCLAD Certificate with a Mandarin emphasis.

Successful applicants will form a cohort (no larger than 20), in which the students will stay and work together towards the 2 year “Credential + MA + Certificate” program. During the second year of the program, students who have successfully completed the coursework will be assigned to local elementary or secondary schools to do a one year paid internship or student-teaching under mentorship.

The first cohort will start in summer 2008, between late June and August. Twenty Chinese proficient (orally and written) teacher candidates will take the first two pre-service courses. With the StarTalk grant support, scholarships will be offered to cover 50% of the summer tuition. The program will also pay for students’ CSET and CBEST tests.

Who should apply?

- Practicing Chinese teachers who are not yet credentialed
- Proficient non native speakers of Chinese who plan to become Chinese teachers
- Chinese speakers who are teachers of other content areas
- Chinese parents who want to learn how to teach Chinese to their own and other Chinese heritage children

What you need?

- A Bachelor’s degree from a 4 year college or university
- A GPA higher than 2.8
- Standard-Mandarin Speaker
- Some teaching/coaching or parenting experience



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