

INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

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INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAM INTRODUCTION

There are 1.3 billion people in China, however, China's reform and opening-up policy have been implemented for only thirty years; that has resulted in the poor English level among the Chinese. Though English is studied at an early age, it is undervalued in education; it is looked at as a subject of study rather than a language and skill that needs to be practiced. This problem is exacerbated by the lack of high-quality teachers. The "cramming" method of teaching only leads to the incapability of communicating and expressing ideas in English. Currently, traditional education is still unable to ameliorate the situation of poor English language skills in China.

Recently, due to the high cost of hiring foreign teachers, the resource of the teacher is still limited. Only a few exclusive schools can afford them. Spending a huge amount of money and time for extra training is required for students as well. It is unaffordable for an average family.

The Intercultural Education Program is planned to ameliorate the English skills and study environments of the children in average families and distribute the foreign English teacher to different kindergartens in China. This provides the children in average families a better study environment and better education resources starting from childhood.

The founders of the project have traveled around the world, met with different people from different countries, and perceived their wisdom and love of life to expand their horizons and understand their inner enthusiasm and social responsibility. In China, there are vast lands, abundant resources, and more than 5000 years of history and diverse culture. Therefore, we cordially welcome you to this land to spend 4.5 months to get a better understanding of the modern culture, economy, history, beautiful scenery, and humanity of this developing country. You can help the children in China and open a new English world for children with your love and enthusiasm. In the meantime, we also hope that the Intercultural Education Program can be the bridge of connecting Chinese culture and world culture.

The core of the project is to let teachers teach English in kindergarten classes for one semester (4.5 months) with all the expenses in China paid by the Intercultural Education Program including all round-trip flights, visa application, food and accommodation, transportation, and cultural exchange activities.





ZHONGSHAN CITY

THE CITY IN WHICH YOU ARE GOING TO LIVE AND WORK



Zhongshan is the hometown of Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of the country. It was renamed "Xiangshan" in 1925 in memory of Mr. Sun.

Sun Yat-sen, the founding father of the Republic of China and the Kuomintang led the famous "Xinhai Revolution" and ended China's dictatorship that had lasted for thousands of years which then opened the door for China's modernization.

Zhongshan City is located in the south-central part of Guangdong Province with an area of 1783.67 square kilometers and a regular population of more than 3.3 million. It borders Guangzhou and Foshan in the north, and Jiangmen and Zhuhai in the west. Zhongshan is a famous historical and cultural city in China. The famous "Ten Scenes of Zhongshan" are Sun Yat-sen's Former Residence, Sun Wen Memorial Park, CCTV Zhongshan Shooting Base Zhongshan City, Sun Wenxi Road Cultural Tourism Pedestrian Street, Sun Yat-sen Memorial Hall, Zhongshan Hot Spring, Quanlin Village, Hainan Manor, Lingnan Water Town, Zimaling Park, Qifengwen Tower, Xiaoyao Valley, etc. Zhongshan is a fast-developing modern city with manufacturing in home appliances, lighting, hardware, and garments. There appears a constant upward economic trend.

There are 624 kindergartens, 264 primary schools, 96 middle schools, 8 universities. 40,500 students study in high schools, 148,700 in middle schools, 285,900 in primary schools, and 133,300 in kindergartens. There are only 182 full-time enrolled foreign teachers working for schools in Zhongshan with an average of 3,342 students sharing only one foreign teacher.



TEACHING CONCEPT

First of all, in the field of children's education, we must recognize the bright points of every child.

- ◆ **Every child has the ability of self-reflecting, thinking, discovering, imaging and expressing.**
- ◆ **Every child is the protagonist during his/her whole life.**
- ◆ **Every child has enormous potential.**

The development of personality during childhood is vital for cultivating their innovation ability and creative spirit. The future knowledge era is an era that requires a large number of people with individualized talents, independent thinking skills, and innovation ability. Hence, we should respect the differences of personality and encourage them in childhood.

WHAT WE DO



In the practice of language education, we consider "topic discovering" as the main activity that is close to a child's mind, aiming to create a relaxing learning environment and a child-centered course system. By ramifying the topic, children can get a comprehensive understanding of knowledge while infiltrating the concept of cultivating perfect personality into various parts of teaching.

The design of the curriculum also propagandizes the spirit of "freedom", "respect" and "equality", and guides children to form correct values and worldviews and to cultivate the children's international vision and confidence, which will make a long-term influence on the child's physical and mental health, especially their personality.

According to children's physical and mental development and through the lingual expression emphasizing the "tolerance spirit" and "harmonious interaction", the teacher will stress "cooperation", "participation", "interaction", and "communication" in the teaching process and will not suppress the child's nature of exploration. We have to let children fully explore their abilities in order to stimulate the children's potential and cultivate the children's emotional intelligence.



TRAINNING

Once certified, in order to be a qualified teacher, candidates will be trained in education concepts and practical ability.

- ◆ Teachers will be trained about living in China before going to China.
- ◆ Teachers will be trained in teaching concepts and teaching method beforehand in order to help them adapt quickly to their new environment.
- ◆ The teaching and research seminar will be held once every month in order to improve teachers' teaching skills and improve their working efficiency.



TRAINING WILL BE DIVIDED INTO SEVERAL STEPS AS FOLLOW :

- ◆ Two hours of online courses and the introduction of the course syllabus;
- ◆ Two hours of Chinese culture training;
- ◆ Two hours of professional teacher training;

This training will be completed before going abroad.

After arriving, teachers will participate in collective training for two days before taking classes, which will include:

- Training of teaching method;
- Training of content arrangement;
- Matters needing attention before and after class;
- Daily routine and its emergency channel;
- Work arrangement and its emergency channel;

A weekly work report and training are required every week. Both local and foreign teachers will hold academic meetings by mid-term, and everyone will make a short presentation to share with all about what you gained from these days at the end of each semester.

ACTIVITIES ARRANGEMENT FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2019

Time	Day1	Day2
The 3rd st weekend of Feb	Relax and shopping for your personal needs	Zhongshan Quanyan hot spring to enjoy and relax
The 1st Weekend of March	Learning Chinese Ink Painting/Calligraphy/Tai-ji/ Chinese Zither, enjoying local food	Learning Chinese Ink Painting and Chinese Calligraphy.; enjoying Sichuan dishes
The 2nd Weekend of March	Aid education to teach English for elementary students in Meizhou city	
The 3rd Weekend of March	Visit Guangzhou Church, Xiaozhou Village, Baomo Garden ;	Visit Guangzhou Museum, Guangzhou Opera House ; buffet dinner ;
The 1st Weekend of April	Home stay-Cultural Exchange (Two days and one night);	
The 2st Weekend of April	Culture exchange and communication with the Chinese students in UESTC,Zhongshan Institute	
The 3rd Weekend of April	Visit Museum of Bruce Lee, Fengjian Water village/Try different kind of Chinese tea	Visit Qinghui Garden Baolin Temple, Shunfengshan Park, Chinese food - Sichuan cuisine
The 1st Weekend of May	Zhongshan countryside discovery tour/Play Chinese mahjong(two days and one night)	
The 2st Weekend of May	Aid education to teach English for elementary students in Chaozhou city	
The 3rd Weekend of May	Beach party & relax (two days and one night)	
The 1st Weekend of June	Home stay-Cultural Exchange (Two days one night) ;	
The 2st Weekend of June	Sharing American college Application and Education system in Sun Yat-sen Memorial Secondary School	
The 3rd Weekend of June	China's Famous enterprises visit-Midea Company	China's Famous enterprises visit-Tencent Company
The 1st Weekend of July	Beach party in a small island in Zhuhai city-Two days one night	
The 2st Weekend of July	Home stay-Cultural Exchange (Two days and one night) ;	
The 3rd Weekend of July	The last Activity of the term - Guilin Landscape Tour (Experience the high-speed train)(Two days one night)	

Elective Chinese lesson:

One-hour class every Monday and Wednesday

Purpose for the activities:

To give great insights and experiences of Chinese modern culture, economy, history, beautiful scenery, and humanity and to make connections between Chinese culture and world culture.

TAI CHI



QING DYNASTY HOUSE



LOCAL FOOD

MUSEUM



TEMPLE



APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

➤ Basic requirements

- ◆ Native English speaker
- ◆ Have graduated with a university diploma or be currently enrolled in college courses
- ◆ Willing to be trained
- ◆ Have a kind heart for kids

➤ Following qualities will be primarily considered:

- ◆ Degree in Education as a major
- ◆ Teaching experience
- ◆ Other work & internship experience



PROGRAM APPLICATION PROCESS



QUESTION AND ANSWERS

➤ Why do this project? What's the significance of doing so?

You can...
help all the families' children have equal education.
give people from different countries have a deeper understanding of China.
provide international cultural exchange opportunities and build up a multicultural world

➤ What are the requirements to apply for the program?

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➤ Can people without teaching experiences apply?

Yes - once you have passed the interview, we will provide systematic training courses for every candidate.

➤ Why does this program last four to five months?

When each Chinese academic semester starts and ends depends on the time of each Lunar New Year which is different in every year. Usually, we say four to five months for one academic semester.

Spring semester: mid-February to the end of July

Fall semester: early September to mid-January

Summer school: July to August

➤ How long does it take to apply for this project?

3 months.

➤ When can I have an interview after I submit my resume?

Responses will be given within 48 hours after the resume is received.

➤ After I have passed the interview, when will I get the application form?

After the interview, we will send out the application form within 2 working days which need to be submitted within 5 working days for the offer.

➤ When should I apply for the Visa?

After getting the offer, the Visa will be applied for within 5 working days. The approval time is usually 15 working days.

➤ When will I get flight tickets?

One month before departure, we will buy all the tickets for you.

➤ How much do we need to prepare for living expenses in China each month?

The company covers all the living expenses of every foreign teacher, including food, accommodations, transportation, insurance, mental health consultation, and weekend activities.

➤ How many hours do we need to work on weekdays?

4 Hours per day. From 7:30 to 11:30 in the morning.

➤ Do we only teach English in class?

Besides English, you will also teach children writing in English.

➤ How many weekends will have arranged activities?

We will arrange three cultural exchange activities on weekends every month; the event schedule and introduction will be sent to everyone in advance.



➤ What are the activities on the weekend?

Museums, temples, calligraphy, painting, mahjong, Chinese zither, dance, martial arts, food, tea ceremony, ancient architecture, corporate visits, homestay, Chinese classes, etc.; the goal of the activities is to let everyone enjoy leisure time in China and fully understand the history, culture, economy, and humanities of China.

➤ How will meals and accommodations be arranged?

The school you teach for will provide breakfast, lunch, and dinner.
They also provide clean and safe dorms for teachers; each room will be shared by two persons.

➤ I am a vegetarian, how should my meal be arranged?

We will offer vegetarian meals.

➤ How many people speak English in China?

Not many. Each school we will arrange a Daily Life Manager to assist the teachers in communicating with the school. There also will be a TA who can speak English in every class.

➤ How to deal with cultural conflicts?

- ◆ Communicate with the Daily Life Manager and ask for help.
- ◆ Communicate with training instructors (training instructors are foreigners who have lived in China for many years).
- ◆ Communicate with the US PM for help.

➤ What should I do when I feel stressed living in an unfamiliar environment?

- ◆ Communicate with the Daily Life Manager.
- ◆ Communicate with training instructors (training instructors are foreigners who have lived in China for many years).
- ◆ Communicate with our company manager (apply for job adjustments; or switch to another school).
- ◆ Communicate with a mental health counselor.

➤ Is there a safe living environment in China?

Chinese citizens are not allowed to carry guns or weapons, so the society is safer than the US. You can walk outside at night, and there are many people outside eating night food or enjoying other entertainment. However, you should still take care of your own stuff when walking in crowded places. Call "110" whenever you need help - the Chinese police is really helpful.

➤ Are Chinese people hostile with foreigners?

No. Sometimes you might find that Chinese people are curious about your different appearance - as long as you are friendly, you will be very welcome.

➤ How is the teacher's rights and interests in China guaranteed?

The company will buy health and accident insurance for all the teachers.
The company has signed long-term cooperative agreements with authoritative hospitals, lawyers, and psychological counselors so that you can consult at any time.

➤ Will I get paid?

Yes, but we just pay basic standard salaries because of the low tuition from kindergarten.

➤ Can I go back to my home country during the semester?

Yes, but we need to know the reason and you have to provide proof to the school. Once the documents are approved, you can go home, but the ticket cost needs to be paid by yourself.

➤ In what status will we go to China?

Working Visa

➤ Does the company provide an internship certificate?

The company will issue the certificate, but it may not be recognized by all schools or companies. If necessary, we can assist the teacher to write a recommendation letter.

➤ Can I still stay in China after this one semester?

Yes, we will recommend suitable jobs based on your performance.

