

# K-12 Mandarin Teacher Training Workshop

## Press Release

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(Denver, CO) The Confucius Institute of Community College of Denver (CCD) is hosting a workshop for teachers who teach Mandarin (Chinese) in grades k-12. Teachers of Chinese, especially those new to the K-12 educational system in the U.S., require specialized training to give them a broader understanding of their students and of the best practices in modern language methodology and classroom management to better prepare them for successful interaction with students in the language classroom.

The Confucius Institute at CCD is committed to helping and supporting Colorado K-12 Mandarin teachers to improve their teaching skills. Currently being offered is a full day Methodology and Classroom Management Boot Camp, on February 22, 2014. The workshop will be broken into two, three- hour segments. A lunch break between sessions is included in the \$35.00 registration fee.

Topics will include “Knowing Your Audience – 21st Century Learners” and “Who are the Millennials?” Best practices discussion will include information on ACTFL standards, a brief retrospective of foreign language teaching methods, best practices in the language class room, the functional/notional approach, deductive/inductive learning and flipping the classroom.

The workshop will be taught by two K-12 educators from Learning Tree Solutions:

*Julie R. De Alba, M.Ed. L.*

Julie has over 27 years in the educational field as an educator/administrator in the k-12 setting specializing in curriculum writing and alignment, as well as serving as director of Instructional Development for The Masters Academy in Oviedo, Florida, where she was responsible for the training and development of faculty members.

*Tamara Weber De Millar, M.S.*

Tamara brings over 20 years combined experience as an educator in k-12, college and adult education and as a trainer of secondary and university instructors in Language Teaching Pedagogy and Technologies. In her current role as national language consultant for a specialized language publisher, Julie has conducted hundreds of workshops at schools, colleges and universities and at regional and national conferences.

The K-12 Mandarin teacher training workshop is Saturday, Feb. 22, at Community College of Denver on the Auraria campus, Cherry Creek building, room 157. Registration is required and the fee is \$35.00. For more information or to register please contact [jane.lim@ccd.edu](mailto:jane.lim@ccd.edu)

The Confucius Institute at CCD is a Chinese language and culture learning center, established in 2007 with the support of The Chinese Language Council International (Hanban), to promote Chinese language training and intercultural understanding. As China continues to expand its international influence, the interest in learning the Chinese language and understanding its culture continues to grow. CCDCI, with the support from East China Normal University, is committed to helping this growth by developing standardization, certification, training and continuing education courses for future Chinese language and culture teachers in Colorado and the nation.

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