TEACHING PRACTICUM IN CHINA

at a Maple Leaf International School

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UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

**May 2017:** Students in the 1-Year Program (Professional Year of Concurrent Program) can apply now for a three-week practicum in China in May 2017. Note that this will be a *separate* teaching experience from the scheduled teaching placements in the program. Application deadline: November 4, 2016.

The application form is available online at [https://www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/departments/education/undergraduate/international-opportunities/international-teaching-experiences-in-china](https://www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/departments/education/undergraduate/international-opportunities/international-teaching-experiences-in-china)

**March/April 2018:** Students now in their first year of the 2-Year Program (Consecutive Program) can apply in September 2017 to complete their fourth and final teaching placement in China in March/April 2018. Details to follow in September 2017.
Ni hao (Hello!)

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ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY
WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

• an international teaching practicum in China

• practicum to be held at a Maple Leaf school in China: taught in English, using a Canadian curriculum

• opportunity is available to individuals who successfully complete all courses and previous placements in the BEd program
WHY TEACH IN CHINA?

• professional development: hone skills and gain experience in a new educational environment

• potential employment opportunity – many Lakehead graduates are employed at Maple Leaf Educational Systems

• to better understand and appreciate Chinese culture and the Chinese educational system

• “experience of a lifetime”
DESIRABLE QUALITIES

- flexibility and adaptability
- openness to new experiences
- independence
- curiosity
- non-judgmental attitude
- empathy and warmth
- patience
- sense of humour
- willingness to be challenged
MAPLE LEAF STUDENTS

• 90% of students are Chinese; 10% are international students

• academically strong

• motivated to qualify for admission to a Western university
MAPLE LEAF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS

• Placements will be at a Maple Leaf school in Dalian or Wuhan

• “Western style” classrooms, labs, gymnasiums, libraries, cafeterias, dormitories, and teacher housing
MAPLE LEAF SCHOOL (DALIAN)
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MAPLE LEAF FOREIGN NATIONALS SCHOOL (K-9, DALIAN)
MAPLE LEAF SCHOOL (WUHAN)
TEACHING IN CHINA
TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES

• BC curriculum, taught in English

• 5 days of teaching per week: full-time as soon as possible

• 20-30 students per class

• students complete the same courses, meet the same learning outcomes, and are assessed in the same manner as Canadian students
TEACHING PRACTICUM
Extracurricular: In addition to the required courses, there are elective courses and extracurricular activities: e.g., drama, film club, soccer, baseball, kung fu, cooking classes, etc.
TOURISM IN CHINA
Great Wall of China
Tang Dynasty Show

Terra Cotta Warriors
The Forbidden City

Tea Ceremony

Xi’an City Wall

Buddhist Temple
FOOD
ACCOMMODATIONS ON CAMPUS

• shared accommodations; modern and “Western”-style: furnished living room, kitchen, separate bedroom, bathroom, washing machine
COSTS AND APPLICATION PROCESS
Estimated cost: $3,500 per person – this is based on the following cost estimations:

- return trip plane ticket: $1500
- Chinese visa: $200
- accommodations during practicum: $200
- food and tourism expenses: $1600

A student travel bursary is provided to each successful applicant by the Faculty of Education and Lakehead International (minimum $750)
HOW TO APPLY?

Application form is available online
Applicants are to provide:
- background information
- statement of motivation for applying
- references
- medical information (applicants should be in good health)

Note: Term marks will be reviewed as part of the application process. Students must successfully complete all courses and placements in program.
FURTHER INFORMATION

Teaching in China information
www.lakeheadu.ca/academics/departments/education/undergraduate/international-opportunities/international-teaching-experiences-in-china

Teaching in China testimonials

Photo gallery
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Questions?

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