Beginning Mandarin for Health Care Professionals and Students

This introductory course aims to lay a solid foundation in Chinese language for health care professionals, particularly for those who plan to work or study in a health care field in China. In addition to elements of language, the course incorporates discussion of Chinese culture with emphasis on the cultural aspects of patient care in China. Previous knowledge of Chinese language is not required. Instruction will emphasize class interaction.

Upon course completion, students will have acquired the following knowledge and skills:
- Basic knowledge of the Mandarin phonetic Pinyin system
- Basics of writing Chinese characters
- Common Chinese phrases and expressions
- Terminology specific to health care
- Key concepts of Chinese culture

15 Hours (Monday evenings, 5:30-7:00PM) March 12 – May 14  Cost $50.

Chinese Culture Enhancement for Healthcare Workers and Students

Geared toward those students with beyond foundational knowledge of Chinese language (at least two years of Chinese language coursework at the College level or the equivalent) or have Chinese language skills by virtue of their heritage. Learning how to recognize and write Chinese characters will be included. The emphasis will be on improving the student’s knowledge of Chinese culture and clinical health care practice in China.

Instruction will include the use of lectures, case studies and exercises derived from the textbook, videos and PowerPoint presentations. Student participation in class will be expected. Upon course completion, students will have acquired the following knowledge and skills:
- Knowledge of key values and concepts of Chinese culture
- Ability to analyze cases illustrating Chinese/American cultural differences
- Have mastery of stroke orders for writing Chinese characters
- Will have learned about 200 new characters
- An understanding of China’s health care system
- An appreciation for distinct clinical practices in China

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These courses are offered by the Confucius Institute of SUNY College of Optometry on a not for credit basis. All courses will be held at the College (33 West 42nd St. in Manhattan). To register, indicate the courses you plan to attend and send your name, address and email address to Confucius@sunyopt.edu You will receive an email confirmation.