

**CHINESE FLAGSHIP SUMMER PROGRAM  
LEVEL E (PRE-CAPSTONE)**

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**Dates:** June 22 (Monday) – August 21 (Saturday), a total of 9 weeks with the first week for orientation and apartment hunting and the next 8 weeks for individualized tutorial sessions, community service projects, group activities, and reporting.

**1. Orientation and Apartment Hunting**

The first week of the program is devoted to orientation and apartment hunting. The orientation consists of lectures and discussion and aims to bring all of us on the same page and set a framework within which we will work and study in China. It also works on basic knowledge and skills needed for establishing yourself in China as an independent professional. The apartment hunting process itself will be a very interesting and rewarding (no doubt frustrating at times) training experience. It creates opportunities for students to practice settling in a Chinese speaking community at the most essential level. While the director provides basic information at the beginning and inspection at the end, students are expected to perform their own researches and negotiations throughout the apartment hunting process. Please do keep these two points in mind in your apartment hunting: your apartment should be relatively clean and safe; and your apartment should not have a roommate whose native language is not Chinese. Also, since it is most likely you will have your daily tutorial sessions in or around the Qingdao Center, it will be more convenient to you if your apartment is either within walking distance to the Center or close to bus lines that will take you to the Center.

**2. Intensive One-on-One Tutorial Sessions**

Each of you is matched with a specialist from the community who will work with you specifically on the weaker areas in your Chinese such as pronunciation, formal presentation, grammar, reading domain specific materials, professional writing, etc. This type of one-on-one tutorial sessions runs two hours a day and

five days a week for eight weeks. Including the time you will need for preparation and assignment, you will be working 4-6 hours per day on improving your Chinese. While the Qingdao Center is responsible for recruiting, selecting, training and supervising the tutors, you are expected to work with them to make sure the tutorial will progress as planned.

### **3. Community Service Projects**

Each of you is expected to design, initiate and conduct a community service project that will produce some tangible benefits to the local community and its people. By doing such a project, you will learn how to properly research and identify the mood and need of the people from another culture, how to communicate and promote an idea, and how to initiate and complete a small project in a cross-cultural setting. If later you find it actually rather difficult to convince people to accept an idea from a foreigner even when the idea is obviously good to them, think about how difficult it could be if you have to communicate an idea that may not appear to be good to them or even appear to be bad to them. As a future bi-lingual cross-cultural professional, you can be assured that communicating hard ideas to people from another culture will always be part of your career and life. So let's start from the easier ones.

### **4. Weekly Group Activities**

In general, we will have a group meeting once a week. There are two main functions for these group meetings: 1) reporting and briefing among ourselves; and 2) interacting with select local personalities/professionals coming from different backgrounds and levels.

### **5. Reporting**

During the summer program, you will need to write weekly reports with these two parts: one is related to the tutorial sessions and on the progress in your studying of the Chinese language, the other is related to your community service project and on the progress in your engagement and interaction with the local community. These reports are to be written in Chinese and will be corrected, commented and returned to you with suggestions for further improvement.