Now launching: A customized professional development program for international teachers and administrators* focused on reading, writing and talking across the curriculum! Educators participate in a one-week professional development experience with PLN on the University of Pennsylvania campus.  

When course participants return to their schools, they implement and reflect on their course learning and submit journals and a final project.

(*Preference is given to teachers and administrators working with Chinese students.)

PLN1 Elementary: Forming & Reforming Reading Writing Talking Across the Curriculum (EDCE 533)

Program Dates: July 17-21, 2017
Location: 3440 Market Street, 5th Floor, Philadelphia, PA
Elementary Facilitators: Dr. Sara Tilles and Ms. Emma Sheppard

Description:
Participants investigate the PLN Frameworks of The Five Reading Writing Talking Processes and The Four Lenses of Learning, apply these concepts and frameworks to their classroom materials and content texts/lessons and make adaptations based on their own contexts and curriculum frameworks. Participants also engage in learning experiences that are rich in problem-solving, critical thinking, and logical reasoning including discussions about how to adapt these approaches for all students.

Educators learn how to engage students in transacting with text (comprehension), composing text, extending reading and writing through a workshop format, investigating language, and learning to learn activities that encourage students to meta cognitively reflect on their own learning. Participants are asked to bring classroom curriculum materials and content texts to the course for practical applications of course concepts and strategies. This work is based on the teachings of the late Dr. Morton Botel, former professor and the founder of The Penn Literacy Network.
Space is limited!
Please contact our China and Western Canada Program Liaison Ms. Shuai (Michelle) Shen - M.S.Ed ’08 for more details about the program and the application process.
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Calendar of Events:
March 31 - Registration is due. PLN will send invitation letters to be used to apply for U.S. Visas.
July 17-20- PLN course held on campus (3440 Market Street, Philadelphia) & July 21-school visit and classroom observation
November 15: Final project is due. (Online submission)
Mid to the end of December-Final grades will be sent to each participant.

PLN Faculty Bios:

Dr. Sara Tilles has worked with The Penn Literacy Network since 2008 as a Facilitator and Program Coordinator. She received a Bachelor’s degree in Elementary and Kindergarten Education from The Pennsylvania State University, a Master’s degree and Reading Specialist Certification from Cabrini College, and a Doctorate of Education focused on Reading, Writing, and Literacy from The Graduate School of Education at The University of Pennsylvania. She has been a teacher of K-8 students for 15 years and is currently a teacher of the gifted. Dr. Tilles taught PLN 1 for Chinese educators in summer 2016.

Ms. Emma Sheppard has been a teacher of English as a Second Language and English as a Foreign Language (ESL/EFL) for the last 8 years and has a Master’s Degree in Curriculum Studies and Teacher Development from the University of Toronto. She has worked with both teenagers and adults in a variety of programs, and in four different countries, including the Shanghai Urban Management College in Shanghai, China. For the past 4 years she has been teaching Academic English at the post-secondary level in Toronto, Canada, preparing students to enter college programs.

Kebing (Kevin) Mei serves as a representative of Xingzhi Education in North America. He is a PLN course translator, and has taught high school in Philadelphia for 10 years. He holds a Master’s of Art in Education in Educational Technology from Shanghai Normal University and a Masters of Art in Education in Secondary Education from Holy Family University. As a member of Kappa Delta Pi International Honor Society in Education, Kevin holds five Level II (lifelong) teaching certificate (K-12) in Pennsylvania. Kevin served as a translator for PLN 1 for Chinese educators in summer 2016.