

**1968:** Born China

**Education:** 16 years of education ending with a college degree in Accounting

**1992-2002** Worked as an accountant in China

**6/02:** Arrives in the U.S. (Portland) with her daughter to join her husband who is already living here

**1/03:** enrolls in the lowest level of ESL (level A) at Portland Community College

1<sup>st</sup> interview (3-03)  
-unemployed, looking for work  
-General goals: to learn English, get a job, become a citizen  
-Academic goals: earn a bachelor's degree

**4/03-6/03** 2<sup>nd</sup> term in ESL (level B All Skills and Speaking/Listening)

**6/03-8/03** 3rd term in ESL (level B All Skills)

**9/03-12/03** 4<sup>th</sup> term in ESL (level D All Skills) – She moved up two levels from 'B' to 'D'.

**1/04-3/04** 5<sup>th</sup> (and final) term in ESL (level D All Skills).

2<sup>nd</sup> interview: (6-04)  
-employed full time  
-general goals: speak with children's teachers, and become a citizen  
-Academic goals: earn a 2-year college degree

3<sup>rd</sup> interview: (3-05)  
-employed full time  
-general goals: keep current job, become a citizen  
-Academic goals: earn a high school diploma

4<sup>th</sup> interview: (3-06)  
-general goals: to communicate better with her children (in English) and to find a way to take English classes while working full time