Study plan

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In order to keep up with the times, I will devote myself to the field of computer-assisted language learning in graduate school. Moreover, I would like to explore educational psychology, since affective factors indeed play a subtle but indispensable role in second- and foreign-language learning.

In recent years, teaching assisted by computers has become a trend. Computers are not inanimate machines only good for document processing. The popularity of computers and the easy access to the Internet have provided a new platform for people to complete almost everything in life. It has been proven that language teaching and learning can cooperate well. Hence, increasing numbers of primary and high schools and universities have enriched their teaching materials by adopting this new trend.

Under the Communicative Approach framework, I want to realize more about the integration of language skills and computers, the application of computers in the classroom, the evaluation of its validity and reliability, how this “live” responder can offer feedback, how it compensates a non-native speaking teacher who is not very proficient in English, etc., and design more useful communicative activities cooperatively. Most important of all, I want to refine and even design programs in long-distance teaching. In this way, one teacher will benefit huge numbers of learners across the physical barrier dramatically. Further, since intrinsic motivations are the most powerful factors in foreign language learning, teachers should pay a lot of attention to learners’ subtle psychology and the related issues of ages, both of which
will help learners get the maximum benefit from teachers.

It is believed that one cannot really learn a teaching skill without doing it. It is also believed that such perceptual knowledge, which is gained through practical classroom activities, is the basis for rational knowledge to be studied. If accepted, I will search for opportunities to tutor learners and become acquainted with their interests, needs and goals, which will definitely form my background knowledge for my further study in graduate school. Your graduate school offers the most well designed programs. I am sure that studying in the Master of Art in English Teaching Graduate School, NCCU, will absolutely fulfill my goal of becoming a competent teacher.