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and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Course Outline  
FR PD1020-A *Beginner 2A*  
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**Online Live Meetings:** Tuesdays from 11:00 – 11:50 pm

## COURSE DESCRIPTION

This professional development course is intended for employees of the PEI Public Service, Health PEI employees, and any other professional in Prince Edward Island who wish to begin their language learning journey through professional development. It is designed for **participants who have limited** levels of French competency, or for those **who have successfully completed the Beginner 1A and/or Beginner 1B (formerly known as *Introduction to French Language and Culture I*) course – FR PD1010.**

This 6-week course is delivered through 1 weekly synchronous session of 50 minutes, as well as 1 short weekly writing assignment or quiz posted for each week. Synchronous sessions will take place via Zoom and a link will be provided, with the focus being on oral communication. The course will be run in a manner that supports a non-threatening, encouraging learning environment for all participants.

Asynchronous content focused on reading and writing, accompanied by a weekly grammar capsule will consist of one assignment, or multiple shorter quiz questions to be completed on the participant's own time and submitted via the learning platform.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

To increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the French language, continuing the initial stages of your journey towards applying those French-language skills in a variety of professional communication contexts.

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

At the end of this course, the participant will be able to:

- Support basic conversations in French with increasing confidence
- Employ an expanding French language vocabulary
- Speak and write in French with proper spelling and punctuation
- Understand verb conjugation
- Use appropriate connectors of speech and writing

## CONTENT

This course will be composed of various oral and written communication activities, as well as other engaging online sources. Content will be selected with the goal of balancing fun and engagement with the learning objectives of the course.

## TIME COMMITMENT

You will be expected to attend all 50-minute virtual classes and at least 4x30-minute conversation groups in total within the 6-week period to support your oral communication skills and spend 30-45 minutes each week on asynchronous content and homework for a total of **2 hours** of commitment per week.

## REQUIRED MATERIALS

All readings and exercises will be provided by the instructor.

## ESSENTIAL MATERIAL

- Computer, such as a desktop and monitor or laptop computer would be best.
- A reliable internet connection.
- Internet browser.
- A microphone and speakers (or a headset with a microphone).
- A web camera.
- A keyboard with accents (French or Canadian French keyboard, or a way to type French accents)
- A quiet place.

## GRADING

Active participation – Virtual Classes	40%
Written Assignments or Quizzes	40%
Conversation Group Participation	20%

## NOTE:

Participants will receive either a P (Pass) or INC (Incomplete) at the end of the 6-week term. Upon successful completion, the participants will each receive an **official letter of completion** from the UPEI – OCEPD.