



UNIVERSITY  
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CENTRE d'EXCELLENCE  
en FRANÇAIS

**FR PD1030 – Bridging Cohort: Beginner to Intermediate**

**October 2, 2023 – March 15, 2024**

**Facilitator:** Ramona Pal-Kovacs

**Online Live Meetings:** Wednesdays, 11 AM – 12 PM

**Online Office Hours:** By Appointment

### **DESCRIPTION OF THE COURSE**

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 *Introduction to French Language and Culture I* course – FR PD1010, and the *Introduction to French Language and Culture II/III* combined level course.

This 20-week course is delivered through 1 weekly synchronous session of 1 hour via Zoom, as well as 1 short weekly grammar assignment 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 will consist of one assignment to be completed on the participant's own time and submitted to the facilitator.

**Appointments:** it is possible to make an appointment outside of consultation hours. To do so, please contact the course facilitator to set up a time to meet via Zoom.

### **COURSE OBJECTIVES**

To increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the French language, continuing the early stages of your journey towards applying those French-language skills in a variety of professional communication contexts. To advance participants from the Beginner to the Intermediate level of French Language competency over the course of 20 weeks of instruction.

### **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
- Enrol in the Intermediate I course

## CONTENT

This course will be composed of various oral and written communication activities taken from the Centre d'excellence en Français curriculum, 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. As this is a 20-week course, activities and learning objectives will be completed within the class time as much as possible, with little-to-no homework in addition to the asynchronous and synchronous lessons.

## 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)
- A quiet place.

## GRADING

Active participation	40%
Written Assignments	60%

## NOTE:

Participants will receive either a P (Pass) or INC (Incomplete) at the end of the 20-week term. Upon successful completion, the participants will each receive an **official letter of completion** from the UPEI – OCEPD. Participants who are advancing to the Intermediate level of French will receive an **Official UPEI – OCEPD Certificate** for their successful completion of the Beginner levels.