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CENTRE d'EXCELLENCE
en FRANÇAIS

Course Outline
FR-PD2015
January 7 – March 14, 2025

Facilitator: Ramona Pal-Kovacs

Online Live Meetings: Wednesdays, 12 PM

Course Access: A link to access online meetings will be made available

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. The combined Intermediate 1 & 2 course is aimed at learners who have successfully completed the Beginner 3 courses or have a solid knowledge of French from previous studies either from school or university. From this level on, the courses are entirely thought in French with the occasional explanation in English. It is important at this level that learners be comfortable with spoken French, as this will be the language of instruction. This course specifically focuses on speaking and pronunciation skills.

This 10-week, non-credit course is delivered through 1 weekly synchronous session via Zoom, as well as a homework assignment for each week. In addition, virtual conversation classes will round out the learning experience, offering a range of available session times and levels 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, or multiple shorter assignments to be completed on the participant's own time and submitted to the facilitator.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

At the end of the Intermediate 1 course, learners will be able to:

Int 1 outcomes

- understand most of clear standard speech on familiar matters moving to understanding the main ideas of complex text on both concrete and abstract topics, including technical discussions in their field of specialization
- deal with most situations likely to arise whilst travelling in an area where the language is spoken.
- Begin to interact with a degree of fluency and spontaneity that makes regular interactions with native speakers quite possible without strain;
- produce complex text on topics which are familiar

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- describe experiences and events, dreams, hopes and ambitions and give reasons and explanations for opinions and plans in detail.
- read authentic texts (found in a newspaper or on a website) and understand the main points and ideas of it moving into producing clear, detailed text on a wide range of subjects and explain a viewpoint on a topical issue giving the advantages and disadvantages of various options.

CONTENT

Content will be selected with the goal of balancing fun and engagement with the learning objectives of the course. A variety of sources will be used, with all materials supplied by the facilitator.

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	50%
Written Assignments	50%

NOTE:

Participants will receive either a P (Pass) or INC (Incomplete) at the end of the 10-week term. Upon successful completion, the participants will each receive an **official letter of completion** from the UPEI Office of Continuing Education and Professional Development.