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ISLAND

CENTRE d'EXCELLENCE
en FRANÇAIS

FR PD2030 – Bridging Cohort: Intermediate to Advanced

October 2, 2023 – March 15, 2024

Facilitator: Nicolas Brugali
Online Live Meetings: Thursdays, 12 – 1 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 advance their French language competency through professional development. It is designed for **participants who have a strong level of French language competency**, or for those who have successfully completed the *Intermediate French Language II/III* course.

This 20-week course is delivered through 1 weekly synchronous session, as well as 1 asynchronous writing assignment posted for each week. Synchronous sessions will take place for 1 hour 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.

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

COURSE OBJECTIVES

To increase your knowledge and enjoyment of the French language, advancing your reading, writing and oral communication skills towards applying those French-language skills in a variety of professional communication contexts. Participants should enroll with the objective of being able to begin utilizing French in their everyday lives and work.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

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

- Support more advanced conversations in French with confidence
- Employ a rich French language vocabulary
- Speak and write in French with proper spelling and connectors
- Understand verb conjugation, including many irregular verbs
- Write more complex sentences with confidence
- Enrol in Advanced level courses

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 moving on to the Advanced level of French will receive an **Official UPEI – OCEPD Certificate** for their successful completion of the Intermediate levels.