FRENCH LANGUAGE COURSES
MADE TO MEASURE
FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL WORK McGILL STUDENTS
Developed and Provided by the McGill French Language Centre

The French language courses for health and social work McGill students were developed with the support of Dialogue McGill, a training and retention of health professionals project funded by Health Canada. [https://www.mcgill.ca/dialoguemcgill/](https://www.mcgill.ca/dialoguemcgill/).

**TO REGISTER**

**STEP 1:**
COMPUTERIZED TEST
Take the [online placement test](https://mcgill.ca/flc) at home.
Click on: Placement tests; then click on: Placement test for health and social work sector. Read "Step 1".

**STEP 2:**
INTERVIEW WITH AN EVALUATOR
This interview can be conducted on the phone. Contact the course coordinator to set a time and date: ariel.mercado@mcgill.ca.

**STEP 3:**
REGISTRATION ON MINERVA
Once the oral and computerized placement tests have determined the appropriate course(s) for you, register on Minerva.
FRENCH LANGUAGE, YOUR MASTER KEY
TO A HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES CAREER
IN QUEBEC

ALL CANDIDATES APPLYING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN A QUEBEC PROFESSIONAL ORDER MUST DEMONSTRATE PROFICIENCY IN THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

DON'T MISS THIS FRENCH-LEARNING OPPORTUNITY LINKED TO YOUR PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

6 FRENCH COURSES, 4 LEVELS:
Elementary, Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Advanced levels
To help you prepare for your internships and practice your profession in Quebec

- Case study
- Role-play exercises
- Language lab exercises
- Analysis and observation based on authentic texts and situations

CREDIT COURSES and NON-CREDIT AND TUITION-FREE COURSES

Kristina Rozintseva, Nursing
“I studied in Ontario. Then I came to Montreal. I was able to speak French a little but I felt I needed to improve. I passed my OQLF exam on the first try.”

Anastasia Baikouskaya, Nursing
“It’s fun. It’s small groups and there is lot of interaction between each one of us and with the teacher.”

Sofia Salsi, Occupational Therapy
“We have case studies and we each bring our own perspective and vocabulary and teach it to others.”

Enyi Du, Dietetics
“I didn’t have any background in French. The course gave me a lot of knowledge not only in French but also on the professional part.”

STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION (CREDIT COURSES)

Undergraduate students: in some faculties may choose the letter or S/U grade option at the time of registration. The S/U option is not available for students enrolled in the Faculties of Dentistry or Medicine, including students in the School of Physical and Occupational Therapy. Undergraduate Dentistry and Medicine students may be eligible for a Registration Status Code of RX which indicates that no credit will be granted for the course and that the course mark will not be included in the GPA. Students are advised to request such assistance by their own department’s student affairs coordinator.

Graduate students: The S/U grade option is not available to graduate students but they may be eligible for a Registration Status Code of RX. If graduate students would like this RX code, they should speak to their department’s student affairs coordinator.

NB: The RX code is granted only if the French course is an extra course (not a required elective or a degree requirement). Departmental student affairs coordinators may consult with Enrolment Services or Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies about this grade option, as appropriate.

Credit limits: If students cannot take a French course because they have reached their credit limits, they need to speak to their department’s student affairs coordinator.
PREPARATORY WORKSHOP FOR OQLF EXAM

To be eligible to practice in Quebec as health and social service professionals you may have to pass the exam administered by the Office québécois de la langue française as well as the others required by your professional order. Please note that if you obtained a secondary school certificate in Quebec as of the school year 1985–1986, you are recognized as already having the required knowledge in French.

The workshop offers a simulation of the OQLF exam. Students will receive feedback to prepare themselves more adequately for the exam. 2 x 3-hour classes. Maximum of 8 students. For more information, please contact: ariel.mercado@mcgill.ca.

COURSES DESCRIPTION

The French Language Centre courses for students enrolled in the McGill health and social work professional programs are open to those who have reached an elementary or intermediate level in French. Students who have no basic knowledge in French can register in general beginner classes offered by the FLC. More details: https://www.mcgill.ca/flc.

FRSL 209
ORAL ELEMENTARY FRENCH: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
This course is designed for students from a variety of disciplines (health and social work) to help them interact with clients despite their basic level of French language skills. Various communication situations with clients in clinical settings, review of basic linguistic elements - lexical, grammatical and stylistic-used in professional communication. Acquisition of efficient communication strategies.

FRSL 210
ORAL INTERMEDIATE 1 FRENCH: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
This course is designed for students from a variety of disciplines (health and social work) to help them interact with clients despite their basic level of French language skills. Various situations of clinical communication with clients, study of linguistic elements taught at the intermediate 1 level - lexical, grammatical and stylistic-as used in professional communication. Acquisition of efficient communication strategies.

FRSL 219
ORAL INTERMEDIATE 1 AND 2 FRENCH: NUTRITION AND DIETETICS
This course is designed for future dietitians and nutritionists at an intermediate level, but not French speaking, who would like to improve their French oral and written skills while studying specialized vocabulary related to dietetics and nutrition. This course will help prepare them for practicums or work placements (stages) in French speaking environments as well as for their professional exams. Topics of discussion, grammar points, exercises and activities focus on developing the necessary French skills for these future professionals to carry out their tasks as dietitians and nutritionists.

FRSL 329 / FRSL 330
WRITTEN INTERMEDIATE 2 FRENCH: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Written communication in health and social service professions must be clear and precise so that the message can be understood by all members of the healthcare team. Using a dynamic and interactive approach, this French course offers sample texts that provide a variety of discourse styles (informative, narrative, prescriptive, opinion pieces, a variety of styles) in several formats (texts, letters, memos and case reports), this course helps students improve their written communication while reviewing some of the finer grammar points (tense sequencing, pronoun forms, use of verbal modes, etc.)

FIGF PMCO
ORAL INTERMEDIATE 2 AND ADVANCED FRENCH: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
Oral communication practice in the form of exercises, discussions and role-play, with an emphasis on specialized vocabulary and useful sentence structures. Oral comprehension will be enhanced by regular viewing of videos as well as during discussions and simulations of professional-client situations. The course pack is distributed free of charge.

FIGF PMCE
WRITTEN INTERMEDIATE 2 AND ADVANCED FRENCH: HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
This course helps students whose written French skills are not as fluent as their oral skills. They will improve their ability to choose correct grammar and linguistic terms. After studying model texts, students will write similar ones using appropriate sentence structure and vocabulary in preparation for written communication with professional colleagues as well as for the French exam administered by l'Office québécois de la langue française. The course pack is distributed free of charge.
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*Unless otherwise specified courses are provided on McGill downtown campus.

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