

McGill FRENCH WORKSHOPS (Faculty of Medicine)

The French Workshops are designed for all learners in the Faculty of Medicine (UGME, PGME and the Schools) at a basic, elementary, low-intermediate, or mid-intermediate level of French, wishing to acquire competency in speaking and listening. The workshops are aimed at helping students acquire the basic, elementary, and intermediate communicative skills required to cooperate in simple work-related settings. Course content develops vocabulary, phonetics, strategies and grammatical structures through oral exercises and communicative activities embedded in predictable professional situations related to the health care milieu.

The Faculty of Medicine has developed Beginners, Elementary and Intermediate French workshop modules, which are specific to the medical field for medical students. (Adjustment of course material to include dental students is pending registration.)

Courses will take place weekly, on **Saturdays**, for a total of **30 hours** per module. It is understood that there may also be the need for students to complete homework.

Payment information:

*Students are required to pay \$250 for the workshop module and placement test (debit and credit cards accepted). True beginners registering for level 1 may waive the placement test and fee. Should a student need to withdraw, s/he must advise the French Workshop coordinator **no later than the Monday after the first session in writing.** (frenchworkshop.med@mcgill.ca). Otherwise, there is no refund.*

A minimum number of students must register in order for any of the workshops to run.

The Faculty of Medicine will, subject to minimum registration, be offering the following workshops:

- Workshop 1 – Basic French
- Workshop 2 – Elementary French
- Workshop 3 – Low Intermediate
- Workshop 4 – Mid Intermediate
- Workshop 5 – High Intermediate

Mandatory French Placement Test:

All students interested in taking the French Medical Workshop must take a placement test and register online: <https://www.mcgill.ca/ugme/french-workshop-form>. If you are a true beginner, you still need to register online, show up at a placement test, and sign a waiver.

If you have already taken a placement test this past year or have taken a workshop, please indicate this in the special comment box of the registration form and submit your registration. We will follow up with you.

For more information, contact frenchworkshop.med@mcgill.ca

DESCRIPTION and OBJECTIVES: FRENCH MEDICAL WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP 1: BASIC FRENCH FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

WORKSHOP 1 DESCRIPTION

A workshop designed for students with no – or very little – previous exposure to French. Classes will provide instruction in listening and speaking at a basic level. Workshop content, including grammatical structures, phonetics and situational vocabulary, is aimed at helping the students acquire the basic communicative skills required to operate in simple everyday and work-related settings.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this workshop, students will be able to:

- Use a basic vocabulary specific to simple everyday and workplace contexts;
- Ask and answer simple questions related to concrete and familiar topics;
- Give simple instructions in a work-related context;
- Produce simple oral messages in various predictable contexts;
- Give basic information about themselves, their patients and their daily activities;
- Understand simple requests or instructions; globally understand short oral exchanges embedded in simplified and adapted settings.

WORKSHOP 2: ELEMENTARY FRENCH FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

WORKSHOP 2 DESCRIPTION

A workshop for students with a basic knowledge of French. Classes will provide instruction in listening and speaking at an elementary level. Workshop content, including grammatical structures, phonetics, situational vocabulary and functional expressions, is aimed at helping the students develop the elementary communicative skills required to operate in simple social and work-related contexts.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this workshop, students will be able to:

- Use an elementary vocabulary specific to simple social and work-related contexts;
- Ask and answer a variety of questions related to familiar and/or general interest topics;
- Speak briefly about their work environment and their tasks, about present, past and future actions;
- Produce a variety of short oral messages in predictable and semi-predictable contexts;
- Interact with French speakers within a variety of simple work-related situations;
- Globally understand a variety of simple oral exchanges embedded in simple but non-adapted settings.

WORKSHOP 3: LOW INTERMEDIATE FRENCH FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

WORKSHOP 3 DESCRIPTION

This workshop is designed for students with an elementary knowledge of French. Classes will provide instruction in listening and speaking at a low intermediate level. Workshop content, which includes grammatical structures, phonetics, thematic vocabulary, functional expressions and strategies, is aimed at helping students consolidate the communicative and linguistic skills required to operate in various daily work-related situations.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this workshop, students will be able to:

- Use general and semi-specialized vocabulary specific to daily work-related topics;
- Ask and answer a variety of questions related to workplace contexts;
- Produce a variety of simple oral messages in partly predictable settings;
- Give detailed information on work-related issues;
- Speak concisely about past and future events;
- Interact with French speakers within daily work-related situations;
- Understand the general meaning of oral exchanges in partly predictable contexts.

WORKSHOP 4: MID INTERMEDIATE FRENCH FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

WORKSHOP 4 DESCRIPTION

This workshop is designed for students at a low intermediate level of French. Classes will provide instruction in listening and speaking at a mid-intermediate level. Workshop content, which includes grammatical structures, phonetics, thematic vocabulary, functional expressions and strategies, is aimed at helping the students develop the communicative and linguistic skills required to operate in a variety of situations related to the profession.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this workshop, students will be able to:

- Use a semi-specialized vocabulary specific to various topics related to the medical profession;
- Ask and answer a wide variety of questions related to professional contexts;
- Produce various oral messages in partly predictable and non-predictable contexts;
- Speak about one's area of specialization, past training and experience, future projects;
- Interact with French speakers within specific professional contexts;
- Understand the general meaning of oral exchanges and discourse in partly predictable and non-predictable contexts.

WORKSHOP 5: HIGH INTERMEDIATE FRENCH FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES

WORKSHOP 5 DESCRIPTION

This workshop is designed for students at a mid intermediate level of French. Classes will provide instruction in listening and speaking at a high-intermediate level. Workshop content, which includes grammatical structures, thematic vocabulary, functional expressions and oral communication techniques, is aimed at helping the students develop the communicative and linguistic skills required to operate effectively in a variety of situations related to the profession.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

By the end of this workshop, students will be able to:

- Use a semi-specialized and/or specialized vocabulary specific to various topics related to the medical profession;
- Participate confidently in a wide variety of professional exchanges within partly predictable and non-predictable contexts;
- Elaborate on subjects relevant to the field;
- Develop arguments to explain and defend their point of view, position, decisions and/or actions;
- Interact with French speakers within a variety of professional contexts;
- Compensate for linguistic weaknesses with relevant communication strategies;
- Understand the general meaning of oral exchanges and discourse in non-predictable contexts.

(Subject to change)

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