

TEACH IN FRENCH



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**CANADIAN PARENTS FOR
FRENCH – MANITOBA
(CPF-MB) PROMOTES
AND CREATES
OPPORTUNITIES TO
LEARN AND USE
FRENCH.**

Between 2003 and 2013, Canada saw a 52% increase in French Immersion enrolment. The increased awareness of the cognitive, cultural, economic, social and employment benefits of learning French as a Second Language (FSL) has contributed to the rising enrolment in FSL programs/courses.

Parents expect their children to be able to fully participate in the public and cultural life of our bilingual country.

CHOOSE A CAREER

In 2018, the Federal government set an objective to increase the bilingualism rate of the Canadian population to 20% by 2036 (from the existing 17.9%).

A common roadblock to increasing access to FSL programming is the shortage of qualified teachers. A coordinated national and regional strategy is underway to recruit and retain teachers for French Immersion and other FSL programs and courses.

For those thinking about becoming a teacher, or if you're already in a teacher education program, but haven't chosen a specific subject to teach, then consider this – teaching French!



Teach in French... meet the challenge.
Mathew Hodgins, Grade 8 French teacher

For those with excellent skills in oral and written French, consider a great opportunity that is available to you – a career in teaching French!

Here's more good news – depending on the university you plan to attend, you may be eligible for increased grant funding and bursaries, if you are studying to be an FSL teacher!

CHOOSE OPPORTUNITY

In Manitoba, there are many job opportunities for FSL teachers: the majority of jobs are in teaching French Immersion in elementary schools and high schools. Teaching focuses on how to communicate in French, appreciate French cultures and increase intercultural awareness. In French Immersion many, if not all of the subjects are taught in French. Early Immersion can begin in Kindergarten or Grade 1. Middle Immersion usually starts in Grade 4, while Late Immersion usually starts in Grade 6 or 7.

Core French (sometimes called Basic French), is taught as a subject/course within the English program. The amount of time dedicated to these classes varies from school board to school board, across the country.

FSL teachers are in demand in Manitoba, with many postings for FSL teachers in either long term, short term or occasional positions, at all levels. The number of job opportunities available to you is limited only by how far you want to travel.

Teach in French: diversity, culture, community.
Michelle Jean-Paul, French Immersion school principal





Teach in French and enrich your life.
Erica Massie, high school French Immersion teacher

CHOOSE A COMMUNITY CHOOSE FSL

Very few professions offer the same level of support that is available to teachers.

FSL teachers enjoy the benefit of belonging to a strong professional community, not just within their own school and district or board, but also across their province and the country, via departments or ministries of education and language teacher associations.

Special opportunities are offered to FSL teachers to support their ongoing language learning and maintenance, as well as to introduce new French cultural initiatives. FSL programs and FSL teachers play a crucial role in maintaining Canada's cultural identity by promoting bilingualism.

Few jobs or careers offer you the kind of satisfaction than that of an FSL teacher. Imagine how satisfying it can be to pass on your passion for French to students. Not only will you be teaching them a new language, you will be passing on an appreciation for a culture, and introducing them to a part of Canada and the world that they may never have otherwise discovered.



Teach in French and inspire others.
Meghan Rauch, French teacher

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO I NEED?

You do not need to be francophone to be an excellent FSL teacher.

If you have done well in French (Core, Immersion, Extended, Intensive, or French first language), and are fluent in written and oral French, then that's a good start.

Each Faculty of Education has different requirements for entering its teacher education programs. It may require applicants to take an oral and written French language proficiency test. These usually are expected to fall into a range between a B1 and B2 level on the Common European Framework. To quickly gauge your French language proficiency, visit the DELF/DALF website to take a brief sample test:

www.delfdalf.fr/delf-b1-sample-papers.html

www.delfdalf.fr/delf-b2-sample-papers.html

Check with the Faculty of Education of your choice, to see what its particular requirements are. Many provide their teacher candidates with an opportunity for ongoing assessments and language refresher courses.

HOW CAN I UPGRADE MY FRENCH?

To increase your skill level and chances of being accepted at the teacher education program of your choice, you might want to consider applying to take part in an Official Languages Program sponsored by the Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC).

Language Learning Bursary Programs

- *The Explore Program* offers five weeks of classes, activities, and cultural experiences in the student's second language and in a different region of the country from their own. It encourages fluency in the language and an appreciation of the culture in which it is used. The program is open to both French and English second language learners.

- *The Destination Clic Program* is available to French first language students who live outside Quebec. It provides students in Grades 8 and 9 with a three-week opportunity to learn, meet new people, explore another region of Canada, and become more fluent in French as a first language.

Language Exchange Program

- *The Odyssey Program* offers language assistants full-time work in a different region of the country, allowing them to bring their first language to life and make it culturally vibrant for second language students. Language assistants work for 25 hours a week from the beginning of September to the end of May, earning a salary and exploring the regional diversity of Canada.



Teach in French because you have a passion to share.

Kairos Presado, graduate of a post-secondary education program

For more information on these programs, visit:
<https://www.cmec.ca/155/Programs-and-Initiatives/Official-Languages/Language-Learning-and-Exchange-Programs/index.html>

TEACH IN FRENCH. GIVE THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE.

Canadian Parents for French-Manitoba (CPF-MB) Brings Partners Together

CPF-MB acts in partnership with various organizations and associations to promote the importance of linguistic duality and bilingualism in Canada. CPF-MB and its partners focus on offering support to teachers, parents, and youth.

Together with its partners, CPF-MB promotes the importance of recruiting and retaining qualified FSL teachers, so that quality FSL programs are offered to all youth, in all regions across Canada.



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Association of Colleges and Universities of the Canadian Francophonie (ACUFC)
acufc.ca

ACUFC is the voice of post-secondary institutions in the Canadian Francophonie.

Canadian Association of Immersion Professionals (ACPI)
www.acpi.ca

ACPI supports and nurtures the immersive approach through research and networking opportunities.

Canadian School Boards Association
www.cdnsba.org

The Canadian School Boards Association advocates educational success for every student and promotes the value of locally elected school boards.

It provides links to provincial and territorial school board members, such as the Manitoba School Boards Association.

Canadian Association of Second Language Teachers (CASLT)
www.caslt.org

CASLT fosters and advances professional excellence in the teaching of languages in Canada.

Council of Ministers of Education, Canada (CMEC)
cmecc.ca

CMEC is an intergovernmental body that provides leadership in education at the pan-Canadian and international levels, and contributes to the exercise of the exclusive jurisdiction of provinces, and territories over education. CMEC is responsible for the coordination and administration of language learning and exchange programs at the pan-Canadian level and for the negotiation of protocols related to official languages in education programs.

Department of Canadian Heritage
www.pch.gc.ca

The Department of Canadian Heritage's site includes information and resources in support of Canada's linguistic duality and second language learning, official languages and bilingualism.

www.canada.ca/en/canadian-heritage/services/official-languages-bilingualism.html

Experiences Canada
experiencescanada.ca

Experiences Canada offers transformational learning opportunities accessible to youth across Canada. These deepen their connection to their community and their country.

French for the Future
www.french-future.org

French for the Future promotes official bilingualism and the benefits of learning and communicating in French to students from Grades 7 to 12 across Canada.

**The Office of the Commissioner of
Official Languages (OCOL)**
www.ocol-clo.gc.ca

OCOL promotes better relations between English-speaking Canadians and French-speaking Canadians.

Universities Canada
www.univcan.ca

Universities Canada provides information on policy issues, facts and statistics on Canadian universities, as well as scholarships and programs.

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Teach in French and share the experience.
Corinne Johnson, French Immersion teacher