Brock University FSL Part 1 Fluency Pre-test and Upgrade Course

Price (CAD): $75

In order to take French as a Second Language Part 1, candidates are required to prove proficiency in oral and written French. All candidates who wish to register in French as a Second Language Part 1 at Brock, must successfully complete this test.

Ce cours vise à introduire les enseignantes et enseignants aux trois programmes du français langue seconde : le programme cadre, le programme intensif et le programme d'immersion. Le cours parcourt les théories sur l'apprentissage d'une langue seconde et les stratégies courantes pour enseigner le français en salle de classe de façon engageante. La gestion de classe et l'évaluation feront également partie des thèmes importants du cours.

Prerequisites for Registration in French as a Second Language Part 1:

- Certificate of Qualification and Registration or Interim Certificate of Qualification and Registration (ICQR) or ICQR (Limited) with the Ontario College of Teachers. In addition candidates should have a background in French Studies stemming from either secondary or post-secondary experiences.
- Basic Qualifications in Primary or Junior divisions or Intermediate or Senior divisions in general studies.
- Proficiency in oral and written French. Successful completion of the FSL Part 1 Proficiency Test is required before registration for FSL Part One.

The underlying purpose of the additional qualification course French as a Second Language, Part I is to develop awareness and understanding of classroom theory and practice in French as a Second Language. The course supports the expectations outlined in the Ministry of Education curriculum policy documents, programs and other Ministry of Education policies.

The fluency test and fluency upgrade course is also open to interested students (Undergraduate and Graduate) wishing to check and improve French fluency as advanced preparation.

How do I Register for the FSL Proficiency test?

To register for the test, you must complete the French Language Proficiency Test Application (In-service Education). Access the form at *www.brocku.ca/webfm_send/20748*.

Upon receipt of the application form and payment you will be contacted by the Training Manager and given your unique access code, user name, and password and website link. Applicants are required to have a head set with microphone for their computer, in order to complete the speaking and understanding component.

Post-test:

- Successful candidates demonstrating an acceptable level of fluency in all components of the test will be notified by the Centre that they may register for the FSL Part 1 course. They are encouraged to continue with fluency improvement.
- If unsuccessful on the proficiency test, you may continue with in the online fluency improvement course. After a minimum of 30 hours of independent practice, a candidate may re-try the test.

In preparation consider:

- Reviewing all tenses of verbs, spelling, use of specific tenses such as l'imparfait, le conditionnel, le subjonctif, le passé composé
- Reading in French to review vocabulary
- Practicing a cloze test by photocopying a paragraph and removing about twenty words. Later, fill in the blanks and compare your answers with the original copy.
- Purchasing or accessing multimedia programs such as Success in French
- Reviewing grammar books that you already have
- Searching the Internet for sites on French language

Helpful websites

www.bbc.co.uk/languages/french/index.shtml
www.leconjugueur.com
www.promme.ualberta.ca/devoir
www.media-awareness.ca/francais/index.cfm
www.radio-canada.ca/radio/francaismicro
www.lepatron.ca
www.uni.edu/becker/french31/html