EXPLORATION, INNOVATION AND LITERACY IN THE FRENCH CLASSROOM
A Bilingual Program, Blended Format (On-line and In-person)

Graduate Diploma in Education, Langley – late April 2020

IS THIS PROGRAM FOR ME?
If you teach Elementary or Secondary French and wish to explore holistic, literacy-based, innovative practices in French education while enjoying the support of a collaborative community in practicing French, regardless of your level, this program is for you.

PROGRAM THEMES

- Engaging in inquiry and reflective practice
- Foundations of French language instruction
- Incorporating Indigenous perspectives into the French classroom
- Engaging with authentic assessment
- Exploring innovative and holistic teaching practices in the French classroom (Nature-based education, Place-based education, Project-based learning, Inquiry-based learning, Technology, etc.)
- Exploring inclusive and pluralistic pedagogies in the French classroom
- Exploring literacy learning frameworks
- Exploring culture, identity and community in the language learning context

PROGRAM DESIGN

Courses explore different approaches to teaching and learning while examining the research, theories and pedagogical principles on which effective educational practices are based.

Field Studies provide an opportunity for you to develop an inquiry plan around a question or issue of particular importance to you. You will implement this plan in your educational setting and critically reflect on growth and changes in your practice. Field studies are supported by an experienced mentor, and you will meet regularly in small study groups.

Assessment and Evaluation are the means for you to synthesize and self-assess your learning. You will develop and maintain a portfolio throughout the program that will be shared with peers and mentors and evaluated on a satisfactory / unsatisfactory basis.

AT A GLANCE

Start: Summer 2020 (late April)
Apply: Now!
Apply by: March 20, 2020
Format: Blended - delivered online and in-person
Language: Offered in French and English
Location: Langley
Length: 2 years (6 consecutive terms)

Developed by SFU’s Faculty of Education in partnership with School District #35, Langley.

TQS UPGRADE
Complete this 30 unit program to move from TQS category 4 to category 5 or from category 5 to 5+.

QUESTIONS

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PROGRAM CAPACITIES & SELF-ASSESSMENT
Program capacities provide a reflective focus for documenting and self-assessing learning. At frequent intervals throughout the program, participants and their mentors refer to the capacities to assess progress, set new goals and to create direction for further learning in field studies. At the end of the program, each participant's comprehensive portfolio includes a synthesis of learning and self-assessment of growth in these capacities, supported by evidence of learning. This program provides opportunities to develop these capacities:

- **Develop** orientations of inquiry and critical reflection that foster understandings of your practice as a French language teacher.
- **Engage** in innovative practices and encourage risk-taking in the French classroom.
- **Foster** the development of holistic, Indigenist and reciprocal relationships within the school and community.
- **Investigate** educational theories and philosophies related to French language learning.
- **Create** respectful, supportive and inclusive learning environments.
- **Advocate** for French language and culture by contributing to the awareness of issues pertaining to French education in BC and by building a sense of pride in learning the French language and exploring French cultural diversity.

WHAT YOU NEED TO APPLY
- Bachelor’s degree from a recognized university (min. CGPA of 2.5)
- BC Teaching Certificate from a recognized teacher preparation program
- Evidence of the ability to undertake advanced graduate work in education

Note: under exceptional circumstances, if you do not meet the minimum requirements but have extensive professional experience, you may be considered for admission to this program after evaluation. **To learn more contact Siân Owen, GDE Program Assistant - 778.782.4892.**

DEADLINE TO APPLY: MARCH 20, 2020
Individuals from any district may apply; however, priority will be given to applicants from School District #35, Langley. Applications may close before the deadline if cohort capacity is reached.

HOW TO APPLY
Step-by-step information about the online application process and documents you need to apply can be found on the program website: [www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreediploma/graddiplomafp/explor-french4-en](http://www.sfu.ca/education/gs/degreediploma/graddiplomafp/explor-french4-en)

PROGRAM SCHEDULE
Classes run all terms (Fall, Spring and Summer) of the academic year during the 2-year program.
*There is a one-week Summer Institute in August and no classes in July.*

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