A unique residential program situated in the historic setting of Les Plaines d’Abraham, at the Collège Mérimée. Walk to “la vieille ville” while enjoying magnificent views of the St. Lawrence River.

Join UBC Faculty of Education in a nineteen-day non-credit immersion program in the heart of Quebec City. The program is designed to respond to the needs of all French second language teachers, both experienced teachers and those just entering the profession. The program is open to all levels of French second language speakers, from beginner to advanced. The program also welcomes applicants who are not in the teaching profession.

Develop your oral communication skills as well as an appreciation of Quebec’s unique culture. Morning classes, afternoon workshops and field trips concentrate on improving the participant’s ability to converse in French. There is no prerequisite for the program; previous classroom experience and prior knowledge of French are not required.

The program is offered during the Quebec City Summer Festival – experience the Festival’s many cultural activities, from street musicians, concerts and plays to parades and fireworks on the St. Lawrence River.

BURSARY PROGRAM FOR TEACHERS

Funding for BC Teachers is provided by the Department of Canadian Heritage of the Government of Canada. Bursaries for BC teachers are administered by UBC Faculty of Education, for the French Programs Unit of the BC Ministry of Education.

Canadian Teachers from other provinces or territories may qualify for their own province or territory’s bursary programs and should check with their School Board or Provincial Coordinator.

REGISTRATION

Registration is open to all levels of French second language speakers, from beginner to advanced.

Seats are limited and the program fills quickly, early registration is recommended.

2017 REGISTRATION OPENS: NOVEMBER 15, 2016

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DESCRIPTION
This program is intended for school teachers and administrators interested in improving their French language skills and experiencing Quebec culture. There is no prerequisite for the program; previous classroom experience and prior knowledge of French are not required.

Morning classes, afternoon workshops and field trips concentrate on improving the participant's ability to converse in French. Communicative methods are used to encourage active student participation. Visits within the community are an integral part of the program.

The program is offered during the Quebec City Summer Festival and participants can enjoy the Festival's many cultural activities, from street musicians, concerts and plays to parades and fireworks on the St. Lawrence River.

INSTITUTE STAFF
French instructors from Quebec and BC will team-teach this program. All instructors employ and model communicative language teaching which has been used successfully in past programs.

LOCATION
The Collège Mérici is located near les Plaines d'Abraham, and it is within easy walking distance of all Quebec City attractions.

SCHEDULE
There is a welcome reception at the Collège Mérici on Monday evening, July 3. The program starts with placement interviews on Tuesday, July 4 at 8:30 am. Classes are held Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Afternoon workshops last approximately two hours. Evening and weekend activities are organized, while some are optional. The program ends on Friday, July 21 in the late morning. Accommodation on July 1-2 and July 21-22 will be available at an additional cost for participants arriving early or leaving after the morning of July 21.

METHODOLOGY
Morning classes concentrate on developing comprehension and speaking skills, as instructors model various aspects of communicative language teaching. Authentic communicative activities are presented to encourage active student participation through the use of media, multi-modal texts, role-playing and interaction with guest speakers. Afternoon workshops provide in-depth learning of specific topics related to instructors' expertise (e.g., technology in the French language classroom, la Francophonie, oral communication in French, etc.). Evening and weekend excursions offer memorable cultural opportunities, a great way of connecting with colleagues and establishing long-term connections.

ACCOMMODATION AND MEALS
Single occupancy accommodation is provided at Collège Mérici. Participants have their own rooms in new four-bedroom apartments, and share kitchen and bathroom facilities. Each apartment has a fully equipped kitchen, a living room and dining area. Lunches are provided on weekdays, while breakfasts and dinners are the participant's responsibility. Spouses and children cannot be accommodated during the program.

TRANSPORTATION
Participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation to Quebec.

BURSARIES
BC teachers are eligible for a bursary if they:
1. are or will be involved in the teaching of French or in the supervision of a French program
2. are or will be working at a public or independent school as a teacher, teacher-on-call, vice-principal or principal
3. speak French as an additional language

Teachers who have previously attended this institute are not eligible to take it again for three years.

ADMINISTRATION
Bursaries for this program are administered by The University of British Columbia. BC teachers must fill out the application form, have it signed by their School Principal, and return it to UBC.

PROGRAM FEES
The total cost of the program is $3,000, however, BC teachers pay only $1,500 (this includes the $300 application fee). The balance of the program cost ($1,500) is covered by a Department of Canadian Heritage bursary. The $1,500 bursary is administered by UBC and BC teachers do not apply for it separately.

The cost for non-BC teachers is $3,000. Canadian Teachers from other provinces or territories may qualify for their own province or territory's bursary programs and should check with their School Board or Provincial Coordinator.

Find out more on the program website.