Professional Specialization Certificate in Teaching French Immersion for UVic teacher candidates

Offered by the Division of Continuing Studies, the Professional Specialization Certificate (PSC) in Teaching French immersion is recommended preparation for those who want to work in a French immersion environment. While designed for practicing teachers, it may be possible to take the PSC courses concurrently with a UVic teacher education program. This handout outlines the possibilities.

Admission to the PSC in Teaching French Immersion requires:
1. Category 1 or 2 on the Test de français International (TFI) within the last two years.
2. An application to the Division of Continuing Studies. See the program website for more information and application deadlines.
3. An application to UVic Undergraduate Admissions & Records for this program (this is in addition to the teacher ed. application).
4. That you are a practising teacher or have accepted an offer of admission to a UVic teacher education program.

PSC course sequence:

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1. For entry in July, complete the TFI by May. For entry in January, complete the TFI by November.
   - Category 1 (395 oral/420 written)
   - Category 2 (365 oral/305 written)

2. UVic teacher candidates must consult with an Education Adviser before applying for admission to the PSC in Teaching French Immersion.

Practicum in French immersion: If you’d like to take a practicum in a French immersion school, refer to the handout titled: French immersion practicum information for UVic teacher candidates. Note: You may not take a PSC course, or any other course, while on practicum.

Teacher Education Program (TEP)                Concurrent courses

BEd Elementary Curriculum (four year) 1
- The PSC may be started after year 2. EDCI 475, 476 and 477 can be used as year four electives. FRAN 475 is surplus credit.
- Summer session following year 2 and/or year 3: Take EDCI 476 and/or FRAN 475 in July.
- Year 3: Take EDCI 475 in second term (see adviser to request maximum unit waiver).
- Year 4: Take EDCI 477 in first term
- Option: Year 3 and/or 4 practicum in French immersion. Refer to the handout mentioned above.
- Graduate with BEd and PSC in Teaching French Immersion 3.

BEd Secondary Curriculum (five year) 1
- The PSC may be started in year 2 and must be completed prior to year 5.
- Consult an adviser to see if any of the PSC courses can be used as electives.
- Option: Year 5 practicum in French immersion. Refer to the handout mentioned above.
- Graduate with BEd and PSC in Teaching French Immersion 3.

BEd Elementary PDPP
- Owing to the PDPP format, it’s not possible to take PSC courses concurrently.
- Option: If you’d like to take a practicum in French immersion, you must take at least one PSC course (EDCI 476) in the summer session preceding PDPP start. Refer to the handout mentioned above.
- If you’d like to enter the PSC in the January term directly following PDPP completion, apply for admission to the PSC before you start the final practicum.

Secondary PDPP: ladder the Diploma in Secondary Teacher Education into a BEd.
- It’s possible to take one or more of EDCI 475, EDCI 475 and FRAN 475 concurrently with the diploma. Consult an adviser.
- You may apply for admission to the PSC as early as the first term of the PDPP if you’d like to take EDCI 475 in the second term or in the second term of the PDPP if you’d like to take EDCI 476 and/or FRAN 475 in the summer session following year 1.
- Option: If you’d like to take a practicum in French immersion, you must take at least one PSC course (EDCI 476) in the summer session preceding PDPP start. Refer to the handout mentioned above.
- Graduate twice: first with the Diploma in Secondary Teacher Education and then with a BEd once the final PSC course has been completed within 10 years of diploma graduation. You’re eligible for teacher certification upon completion of the diploma.

3. You’ll submit two graduation applications. To use PSC courses as degree electives, graduation from both programs must be concurrent.