

PAROLE DE VIE^{MC} ***BÉTHEL***



FRENCH LANGUAGE SCHOOL

**CATALOG
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A ministry of Word of Life™ Fellowship Canada, Inc.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ADMINISTRATION

Since 1948, we have been preparing English-speaking missionaries for work in francophone fields of service. We provide them with linguistic and cultural skills that will enable them to meet the needs of the church in the French-speaking world.

In order to fulfill our mission, we use a communicative method called "Invitation" whereby learning is always put into context. This method, which is the basis of our program, touches on all of the French-speaking cultures of the world. In addition, our teachers are all native French speakers.

There are many advantages to the Language School at Parole de Vie Béthel (Word of Life Bethel). Our location in North America provides ease of contact with mission agencies in the event of emergencies and helps to keep costs down. Also, studies can begin at two different times during the year: September or January. We provide a supportive Christian environment in which to live and study. As well, we have multiple-level instruction according to the knowledge and ability of each student and a campus that is ideal for families with children. In addition, because of the French Word of Life Bible Institute which shares the same campus, missionaries have the opportunity to interact with young students who are searching for God's leading in their lives and share their burden for missions with them. Overall, Parole de Vie Béthel is an excellent place to study French.

We invite you to come, see and discover our Language School.

Michel Roby
Language School Coordinator

WHO WE ARE

Bethel Bible Institute was founded in 1948. Word of Life Canada assumed responsibility for its operation in 1992 and it is now known as Parole de Vie Béthel. From the very beginning, we have offered both a complete Bible course in French as well as a complete program for English speaking missionaries and others desiring to learn French. This combination has always been very helpful since the language learner is immersed in a French environment and culture. Over one thousand missionaries have received their language training at Bethel and many currently serve in French-speaking countries around the world.

The school is situated on the outskirts of the lovely city of Sherbrooke in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. The campus offers a calm, natural setting within a few minutes walk of a city bus line.

WHAT WE TEACH

There's no doubt about it: learning a second language is difficult. We know that it is a real challenge and that you will require God's help to learn French well. Nevertheless, experience has shown that this time can be, and often is, one of great encouragement and personal growth.

Our course is taught by a team of instructors whose mother tongue is French. Included in the course are a variety of off-campus learning activities along with the normal classroom program. Language learning is also supplemented by the use of Rosetta Stone computer software.

The goal of the course is to create an environment in which students with varied capacities and backgrounds can learn as much French as possible during the time they are here. Students are encouraged to use French right from the first day in order to make good progress. After a short time, they will find themselves totally immersed in the French culture.

Upon completion, students will not only be equipped to speak with those around them, but will be able to communicate with government officials, speak on the telephone, understand biblical texts as well as news on the radio, television and in the newspapers. They will also be able to pray in public, give their testimony, explain the plan of salvation, read printed material aloud, write official and personal letters and fill out forms. They will be equipped to function in any francophone country.

WHO TEACHES

Michel Roby: Master's degree in Adult Education Studies from the University of Sherbrooke.
Bachelor's degree in French Studies from the University of Sherbrooke.
Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Sherbrooke.
20 years of experience.

Mariette Plante: Bachelor's degree in Christian Education from Béthel Bible Institute.
Minor in French from the University of Sherbrooke.
9 years of experience.

Other teachers are added when necessary

WHAT WE OFFER

Our Programs

A. REGULAR COURSES FOR BEGINNERS, INTERMEDIATES AND ADVANCED

Our program called "Invitation" is made up of three main elements: grammar, dialogue, and conversation-in-context. Each grammar rule is applied in dialogue and conversation-in-context and reinforced by additional exercises. This permits us to evaluate the written and oral comprehension of the student. In order to achieve all of our objectives, we have developed other courses and pedagogical tools. Here is a list of the courses and their content:

1. Dialogue (1 period per day)

Through role-play and memorization of dialogues, students improve their pronunciation and increase their vocabulary.

2. Grammar (1 period per day)

Includes: a) presentation of grammatical rules.

b) written work, vocabulary and spelling, composition and translation.

Students learn basic grammar in order to better understand daily conversation.

3. Conversation-in-context (1 period per day)

Through a variety of activities, students learn to take the vocabulary and dialogues learned in class and apply them to daily living experiences and situations which they will likely encounter in francophone countries. They develop their ability to understand French, answer letters and fill out forms.

4. Phonetics (daily for the first two weeks for beginners)

Students develop pronunciation skills such as intonation, accent, elisions, cadence and liaisons.

5. Bible Vocabulary and Comprehension

A variety of means are used to assist in equipping students for life and ministry in a French evangelical context by broadening their understanding and use of biblical terminology and their exposure to French congregational singing.

6. Rosetta Stone Home Language Laboratory (minimum of five hours per week)

In addition to the above courses, students will use their personal copy of the French Rosetta Stone Language Library software on their personal computer to reinforce their understanding of French vocabulary, pronunciation, and grammar. Weekly reports will be given to the professor indicating the time invested with Rosetta Stone. Tests for each unit will also be submitted to the professor.

7. Writing Workshop (as needed upon request)

The objective of this course is to prepare students who will serve in an administrative function. Emphasis is placed on French legal and diplomatic terminology, correspondence, and reporting formats. Includes reading and writing exercises using newspapers, government literature, customs forms, etc. Grading is based on mid-term and final exams.

8. Christian Character Program (for dormitory students only)

This mentorship program emphasizes Bible verse memorization, personal evangelism and regular meetings (bi-monthly) with a Word of Life Bethel staff member to encourage continued spiritual growth.

B. INTEGRATION COURSE (For students who have completed the advanced level)

- Writing workshop - 3 hours per week
- Proficiency in French grammar - 6 hours per week
- Conversation development - 5 hours per week
- Active listening - 3 hours per week
- Students will choose between various means through which they will develop their listening skills in French.

C. FRENCH IMMERSION IN BIBLICAL STUDIES

We also offer a French Immersion in Biblical Studies program for students who possess a basic knowledge of French who wish to perfect their language skills while deepening their knowledge of the Word of God and broadening their exposure to French ministry and world missions. If this describes what you are looking for, please contact us, or visit our website (www.pdvb.org), to obtain more information on this program.

Other Elements

A. PERSPECTIVE ON MISSIONS

During the school year, students present their ministry to the students and staff of Word of Life Bethel during one of our weekly chapel sessions.

B. SPECIAL LANGUAGE LEARNING ACTIVITIES

In order to help our students practice what they are learning in real-life contexts, various special activities are offered throughout the year, with an increasing emphasis during the spring semester. These activities may include a treasure hunt in Sherbrooke, picnics and visits to places such as historic Quebec City, a sugar shack, a restaurant, an apple orchard, local parks, museums and tourist sites.

C. HELP AND SUPPORT

Academic

Professors will be available outside of class hours to provide additional assistance to students. If ongoing help is needed, the school offers tutoring services. The registrar will work with the student to seek to meet their needs in this area. There is an hourly fee for this service.

Spiritual

Students will be assigned a staff member who will meet with them once every three or four weeks. This meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss difficulties, to share blessings and burdens, to pray together, and to complete a personal evaluation.

HOW TO PREPARE

Learning French is a real challenge. Here are some ways to help you prepare:

1. Try to take some French before coming. However, don't expect even several years of high school French to make the course easy.
2. Students must purchase levels 1, 2 and 3 of the French Rosetta Stone Language Library software, which will be an integral part of your program at Parole de Vie Béthel, and should begin using it as soon as possible. This will help to lay a foundation for your studies with us. It is available at www.rosettastone.com. It may be possible to purchase it at a reduced price at www.christianbook.com, www.amazon.com, www.amazon.ca or from other suppliers, as well.

Please note that all students will need to have a computer with headphones and microphone to use with the required Rosetta Stone software.

3. If you can't get any foreign language experience before coming to Bethel, we recommend that you review English grammar, as a good understanding of grammar is essential to learning French. If a grammar book is not available, you may find online sites that are helpful.
4. Before coming to language school, it is best to set aside all preconceived notions about good grades and classroom competition and simply seek to learn as much as possible. Becoming upset about poor performance can be a real handicap to learning. A positive attitude works wonders.

5. The golden rule is: the more you and your family immerse yourselves in French and "abstain" from English books, videos and conversation, the more French you will learn and the faster you will be able to communicate.

HOW LONG TO STAY

The speed at which a person learns a language depends on a number of factors that vary from one person to the next. These factors include such things as language learning aptitude, previous language learning experience, personal motivation, age and family status.

The level of proficiency you require will depend on your intended use of the French language. In order to be able to preach or teach in French, most students should plan on completing at least the advanced level, and possibly even the integration level.

Students normally progress through two levels during a ten month period, during the fall and winter semesters. The spring semester is a conversation course intended to strengthen the proficiency attained during the previous semester(s).

Beginner level students should anticipate investing **three full** semesters, **in addition to the spring conversation semester**, if they desire to complete the advanced level of the program.

WHAT WE SUGGEST

Application form

We suggest that you send your application in by the first of March for the fall session and by July for the winter session even if you are not sure that you will be able to start then.

Housing

We have a 1 bedroom and some 2 and 3 bedroom apartments that are rented on a first come first served basis, as applications are received. All our apartments are furnished, including appliances, so all you need to bring are your personal items. Laundry facilities are provided. In order to maintain rent costs as low as possible, we request that all tenants of on-campus apartments participate in cleaning the common areas of their buildings and in snow removal around their buildings. A schedule will be established for this.

If housing is not available on campus, or if you would prefer to live off campus, there are many good, modern apartments nearby in Sherbrooke and the surrounding area. We will help you find suitable housing for your stay in Quebec. Please note that, for off-campus housing, most property owners require that a 12-month lease be signed. It is also not always possible to find furnished apartments off campus. Unfurnished apartments usually have no appliances included.

Clothing

Bring warm clothes! A couple of pairs of long underwear will be welcome from December through March. If you have winter sports equipment such as ice-skates, snowshoes, cross-country or alpine skis, there are many opportunities to use them here. Bicycles are not practical from November through the end of March.

Transportation

A good bus system and taxis are readily available throughout the area. Nevertheless, cars are practical for families living on and off campus. Good all-season tires are essential, but snow tires are strongly recommended as it snows a lot here. Even though snow removal and salting is prompt, a thin layer of ice or snow often remains. All roads are either uphill or downhill. Nothing is flat so come prepared. Bring a snow shovel too!

Food

Virtually everything to which you are accustomed in the United States or in other parts of Canada is available here, generally at slightly higher prices.

Moving

We strongly urge families to move to Sherbrooke at least one week before classes start. A time of adjustment is recommended for you and your family. This will enable you to start the French course fresh and rested. If you decide to move your belongings here by U-Haul, there is a drop-off point 35 miles south in Newport, Vermont and Ryder has drop-off points in Sherbrooke. Please let us know when you are coming as well as the kind of apartment you will be requiring so that we can make arrangements before you arrive.

Immigration

Please consult the section "What to Do Now" on page 9 of this document for information on requirements for foreign students wishing to study in Quebec.

Canadian Customs

For those moving to Quebec from the United States, the Canadian government may require a refundable cash deposit on household furniture, appliances and vehicles brought into Canada by students, so come prepared with a detailed list. Sometimes this payment has been deferred until later, but in some cases it was required at the border before entry was permitted. The amount required varies with the value of your belongings. Problems are less frequent at border crossings directly into Quebec than into Ontario first, then into Quebec. You can obtain information concerning current customs regulations by calling or writing your nearest Canadian embassy or by visiting the Canada Border Services Agency website at <http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/publications/pub/bsf5114-eng.html#s3>.

Medical Insurance

Make sure that your medical insurance policy will cover you in Quebec. In the event of hospitalization, you will be required to pay all services up front and then apply for reimbursement from your insurance company afterward. It is possible to purchase medical insurance from a local company, ETFS, located near the campus in Sherbrooke. You can contact them at (819) 566-8833.

Automobile Insurance

If you are bringing a vehicle with you, check to make sure that your insurance will cover you while in Quebec.

Education for children

Public schools are available both in English and in French. The English schools offer some teaching in French.

Ideally, children should be registered in mid-August because school begins during the last week of August. It is essential to have official birth certificates for your children, as well as previous school records. Birth certificates must have your names on them as the parents. Non-Canadian children will also need to have immigration documents from both the Quebec and Canadian governments. The procedure for obtaining them should be started well in advance. We will help you through this whole process once we receive your application papers.

WHAT WE BELIEVE

1. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testament are verbally inspired of God and they are without error in the original writings, and they are the supreme and final authority for faith and life. (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:21)
2. We believe in one God, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, Who is eternally existent in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. (Matthew 28:19; 2 Corinthians 13:14)
3. We believe in the Deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His death to pay the penalty for our sins, His bodily resurrection, His exaltation at God's right hand, His personal, imminent and premillennial return. (Isaiah 7:14; John 20:20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 5:9; Titus 3:4; Hebrews 4:15; 1 Peter 2:24; Philippians 2:9)
4. We believe that all men have sinned and are, therefore, guilty before God and are under His condemnation. (Romans 3:9, 23)
5. We believe that all who by faith receive Jesus Christ are born again of the Holy Spirit, therefore children of God and eternally saved, and that the Holy Spirit dwells within every believer to enlighten, guide, and enable him in life, testimony, and service. (John 10:27-30; 14:16,17; 1 Corinthians 6:19,20; 1 Peter 1:22,23)
6. We believe that God gives spiritual gifts to all believers for the building up of the body of Christ. We believe, however, that some gifts of the Spirit such as tongues and healings were evidently limited to the early church. We believe that God answers the prayers of His people and meets their needs according to His purpose. (Acts 2,10,19; 1 Corinthians 12:11; 13:8-13; 14:22)
7. We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved in Glory, and the everlasting conscious punishment of the lost in Hell. (Matthew 7:23; 25:41; 1 Corinthians 15:42-58; Revelation 20:5, 6; Luke 16:23-26)
8. We believe all believers are called into a life of separation from all worldly and sinful practices and alliances both personal and ecclesiastical. (2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1 ff.)

WHAT TO DO NOW

If an application form is not included with this prospectus, you may request one by mail, telephone, fax or e-mail, or download it from our website. Our address is:

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Website: www.pdvb.org

As soon as we have received your application form, along with the other pertinent documents and your references, we will send you a letter of acceptance and notice of admission. If you are with a mission agency, references are not required.

All non-Canadian residents wishing to study in Québec for more than six months must be authorized to do so by Québec's Ministère des Relations avec les citoyens et de l'Immigration. This authorization is given in the form of a Québec Certificate of Acceptance (C.A.Q.). This certificate must be obtained before Citizenship and Immigration Canada can issue a Study Permit. School age children (except those in kindergarten) also require C.A.Q.s and Study Permits. Authorization can be obtained only for full-time studies at a recognized teaching establishment. A C.A.Q. is valid only for the establishment for which it is issued. Therefore, it is necessary to have received your notice of admission from the school before proceeding with applying for a C.A.Q.. In addition, you must prove that your financial needs will be taken care of while you are here. An official letter from your mission agency or bank is sufficient. You will need **two** original copies. After filling out the application form, if you are an American, send it and all the necessary papers to the Quebec Immigration Office in Sherbrooke. If you are from outside the U.S., send your papers to the Quebec Immigration Office nearest you.

A person holding a C.A.Q. cannot work for remuneration, except as part of his study program. Since foreign students are not covered by Québec's health insurance plan, they must take out private insurance.

It is possible to obtain information, including the necessary forms for applying for a C.A.Q., at the website <http://www.immigration-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/en/immigrate-settle/students/index.html>. Since a student visa from the Canadian government is also required, please consult the Citizenship and Immigration Canada website <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/study/study.asp> for more information. (*N.B. if you are not able to access these websites please contact us and we will be happy to send you the required documents.*)

American citizens can obtain their student visas at the border. When entering Canada, they must present the following: passport, Certificate of Acceptance to Quebec, a letter of acceptance from Parole de Vie Béthel, letters of acceptance from the schools where their children will be studying, proof of financial support for their stay in Canada and the required fees.

If you do not have a certificate of acceptance for Quebec (CAQ) when you arrive at the border, you may be refused entry to Canada. If that happens, you can enter Canada with a visitor's permit but you will have to return to the border a second time to obtain your student visa once you have your CAQ in hand. It is very important to begin the paperwork to come here well in advance.

If you come from a country other than the United States, you must go to the Canadian embassy in your country to obtain your student visa. All documents must be in order before doing so.

If it is within one week before your planned arrival at Word of Life Bethel and you still do not have your CAQ, please contact the school and we will advise you as to how to proceed. It may be better to delay your arrival by a couple of days than to arrive at the border without your CAQ.

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French Language School Program

SCHOOL CALENDAR
2012-2013

(Updated 29/09/11)

Fall 2012

Arrival of dorm students	September 4 (between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.)
Registration for all students	September 4 (between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.)
Orientation and evaluation exams	September 5
Beginning of classes	September 6
Canadian Thanksgiving holiday	October 8 <i>(Dorm students have only Monday off)</i>
Mid-term break *	October 20-28 <i>(Dorm students return by 10:00 p.m.)</i>
Graduation for finishing students	December 13
End of classes	December 14
Christmas break *	December 15 – January 6

Winter 2013 (Subject to change)

Arrival of dorm students	January 6 or 7 <i>(Dorm students return by 10:00 p.m. on the 6th or by 3:00 P.M. on 7th. – No meals served on the 6th)</i>
Registration for new students (at office)	January 7 (between 1:30 and 4:30 p.m.)
Orientation and evaluation exams	January 8
Beginning of classes	January 9
Mid-term break +	March 2-10 <i>(to be confirmed)</i> <i>(Dorm students return by 10:00 p.m.)</i>
Easter break *	March 29-April 1 <i>(Dorm students return by 10:00 p.m.)</i>
Graduation for finishing students and end of classes	April 24

Spring 2013 (Subject to change)

(Please note that the spring session is a conversation program built upon the winter session. Therefore, only students who have taken at least the winter session, or its equivalent, may enroll in the spring session.)

Arrival of dorm students	April 28 (before 10:00 p.m.)
Beginning of classes	April 29 (payment for the term due)
Missions trip <i>(for students living in dorms)</i>	May 18 – June 1
Victoria Day	May 20
Break <i>(WOL Staff Conference)</i>	June 8-15
Graduation for finishing students	June 19
End of classes	June 21

* Please note that the dorms and dining room are closed during the fall mid-term, the Christmas and the Easter breaks. Students living in dorms are responsible for making alternate arrangements during these times.

+ During the winter mid-term break, students living in dorms have the option of taking their meals in the dining room for an additional fee.

WHAT IT COSTS

Parole de Vie Béthel Language School

2012-2013

(Revised September 29, 2011)

Note: All prices listed in this document are calculated in Canadian currency and are subject to change without notice.

A \$50 Canadian application fee, per person, is required when applying.

STUDENTS LIVING IN DORMS

	Fall	Winter	Spring	TOTALS for 3 sessions
Tuition (1)	\$2,590	\$2,590	\$1,480	\$6,660
Double room * (2)	\$720	\$720	\$360	\$1 800
Meals * (4)	\$1 050	\$1 125	\$600	\$2 775
Class notes (5)	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$120
Student activities (7)	\$25	\$25	\$15	\$65
Internet access (8)	\$20	\$20	\$10	\$50
Polo and necktie or scarf	\$65			\$65
Graduation fees (9)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$60
Yearbook (10)	\$50			\$50
TOTAL (double room)	\$4,580	\$4,540	\$2,525	\$11,645
For single room add	\$360	\$360	\$180	\$900
TOTAL (single room) (3)	\$4,940	\$4,900	\$2,705	\$12,545

- (1) *Dorm space for language school students is not always available, as priority is given to Bible School students.*
- (2) *The fees for rooms and meals do not include the periods of fall and winter mid-term breaks or the Christmas or Easter breaks.*
- (3) *Dorm students participate in a 2- week mission trip during the spring semester. An additional cost for this trip may be charged, depending on the destination.*

OTHER COSTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Required textbooks and resource books (approximate per student)	\$350
Optional tutorial service (per hour, when available)	\$18

Please note that all students will need to purchase Levels 1, 2 and 3 of Rosetta Stone software (available at rosettastone.com, amazon.com or amazon.ca) before beginning their studies. A computer with headphones and a microphone is also needed.

STUDENTS NOT LIVING IN DORMS

	Fall	Winter	Spring	TOTALS for 3 sessions
Tuition (1)	\$2,590	\$2,590	\$1,480	\$6,660
Class notes and workbooks (5)	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$120
Yearbook (10)	\$50			\$50
Graduation fees (9)	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$60
TOTAL	\$2,700	\$2,650	\$1,540	\$6,890

PAYMENT SCHEDULE: TUITION AND OTHER FEES

At registration, we require payment for the entire semester, or a letter from your mission board indicating that they will accept direct billing for your fees from Word of Life Bethel. Apartment rent is due at the beginning of each month.

OPTIONAL COSTS FOR STUDENTS NOT RESIDING IN DORMS

Internet access	Internet access on the computers located in the student lounge are also available for those not living in the dorms. Wireless internet access may be available in some on-campus apartments. Fees for these services are available from the registrar.
Meals	Those not living in the dorms may purchase meals in the cafeteria. Meal plans will be explained during orientation.
Student activities	Students choosing to participate in outings and activities will be charged according to the cost of the event.

OTHER IMPORTANT FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Confirmation Deposit – A non-refundable \$200.00 confirmation deposit for each student is to be sent upon reception of notification of acceptance. This will be applied to the first semester tuition.

Dropping or Changing Courses – Any part-time or full-time student in the language school is held responsible, both academically and financially, for any or all courses for which he (she) has registered. The student has two weeks from the beginning of the semester to drop or change a course. This must be done in writing and given directly to the registrar, not to the teacher. After this date, no cancellation or course change will be considered and there will be no refund.

Dorm Housing for Singles – Dorm space is not always available, as our dorms serve our French Bible School students, who are mostly teens. All dorm residents are expected to contribute to community life by following dorm rules and schedule and participating in several hours of manual work on campus each week. The fees for housing and meals are payable at the beginning of the semester.

Apartment Rental – The following rents are for on-campus furnished apartments (we only rent furnished apartments, including everything except bedding and towels, telephones, televisions and computers) and include utilities (water, heat and electricity):

One bedroom	\$465 - \$505 per month
Two bedrooms	\$545 – \$600 per month
Three bedrooms	\$640 - \$815 per month

In order to keep rents to a minimum, all tenants of Parole de Vie Béthel's apartments are requested to participate in some manual work on the campus. This includes cleaning of common areas in the apartment buildings and snow removal. Students who so desire may volunteer to help with other tasks according to needs and abilities.

Students living off campus can expect to pay more for basic rent, plus furnishings and utilities. In most cases, they will also be required to sign a full 12-month lease. It is also not always possible to find furnished apartments off campus. Unfurnished apartments usually have no appliances included.

Living Expenses – A family of 4 or 5 will need about \$1,700 - \$2,000 per month for total living expenses (*excluding tuition and school costs*). You should also plan on about \$500 for getting settled in once you arrive.

Telephone – Telephone service can be obtained for apartments. The basic monthly rate for the telephone is about \$25 plus an installation fee of \$50. Pay phones are available in the dorms.

No pets are allowed on campus.