

Loan of Service Opportunity: Special Project Lead, French Programs and
Services

Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Statement of Project Work

Position Title: Special Project Lead – French Second Language
Literacy competencies

OVERVIEW:

The Special Projects Lead will report to the Director, French Second Language (FSL) Programs and will work closely with other members of the French Programs Division in fulfilling the responsibilities of the position and the priorities of the division. Responsibilities and priorities include aligning FSL curricula and support documents with the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR), and creating professional development for teachers around assessment tools that support the growth of students along a continuum of bilingualism. This position will be required to work closely with others in the branch and department, Regional Centres for Education, and teachers to support achievement for all learners through strong, inclusive curricula and resources supporting high leverage teaching practices.

Key Responsibilities and Scope of Project Lead:

Working with the Director, FSL programs, the Special Project Lead will:

- Work with FSL consultants and Regional FSL personnel to make explicit connections among French Language Arts curricula, literacy support documents and the CEFR.
- Develop and Expand age-appropriate learning opportunities for students that are representative of:
 - o High-leverage Instructional practices in FSL, descriptors of bilingual levels and assessment tools working together to advance student literacy learning.
 - o Use of an oral proficiency interview in assessing student progress in French
 - o Effective literacy assessment tools that align with a neurolinguistic approach and are supportive of the CEFR

- Provide decision-making support through evidence reviews, written and verbal briefings and information notes and presentations as required.
- Conduct research and jurisdictional scans and work with subject matter specialists relative to FSL literacy competencies and curricula
- Lead the development of evaluation, monitoring and implementation plans for new materials.

The ideal candidate for this project position is a leader in teaching French as a Second Language. This individual should have French Immersion or Core French classroom experience and possess strong project management skills to lead and implement the products and services arising from the work. This individual understands and appreciates the role of the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages, a neurolinguistic approach and use of an oral proficiency interview as tools for the advancement of learner bilingualism.

Qualifications:

- Minimum five years recent related experience in teaching French as a second language.
- Valid Nova Scotia Permanent Professional Teaching Certificate and currently holds a position with a Nova Scotia RCE;
- Master of Education degree or equivalent;
- Training in a neurolinguistic approach, and knowledge of the oral proficiency interview (OPI);
- Strong knowledge of Nova Scotia’s Inclusive Education Policy and the Multi-Tiered System of Supports;
- Demonstrated experience in implementing and monitoring pilot projects;
- Sound knowledge of classroom-based assessment and high leverage FSL teaching practices;
- Excellent communication, research, and presentation skills;
- Strong organizational, project management and planning skills and the ability to deal effectively with a demanding and challenging workload;
- Ability to work both independently and collaboratively with an action-oriented team;
- Experience using Moodle and/or Google Apps for Education and other forms of technology to support teaching and learning;
- Demonstrated abilities in teacher professional learning and leadership;
- Fluency in English and French.

Work Location: Flexible but must be able to meet in Halifax at the EECD for regularly scheduled meetings and planning sessions as needed.

Time period: Projected Start Date: negotiable. One year term.

Please submit resume and cover letter to: Mary.Chisholm3@novascotia.ca by **May 6, 2022.**

Should you have any questions about the position, please contact: Mary Chisholm, Director, French Second Language Programs, Nova Scotia Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Mary.Chisholm3@novascotia.ca

Please note only those who are selected for an interview will be contacted.