



## French & Volunteering in Quebec City

Are you interested in advancing your French language skills, by practicing with locals while giving back to the local community? By combining Core French classes with a local volunteer project, this program will help you develop your French skills and give you the opportunity to put these into use through a meaningful volunteer project. This program is the perfect option for students who are looking to have a positive and interactive experience with the local community, while developing their spoken French in a complete immersion environment.

### Benefits

- Meaningful interaction with the local community
- Strong boost in oral communication skills
- Complete language and culture immersion experience
- A wide range of options for local volunteer projects

### Location and Facilities

The French & Volunteering program is offered in beautiful Quebec City, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and the only major city in Canada that offers a 100% French-speaking environment. As the cradle of francophone culture in the Americas, Quebec City offers an unparalleled opportunity for French immersion.

The school is centrally located on the Collège Mérci campus in downtown Quebec City, close to major tourist and cultural attractions. On-site facilities include a gymnasium, aerobics room, library, computer labs, an internet cafe, cafeteria, a student lounge and ample green spaces.



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### Start Dates

**You can start on any Monday of the year!**

If a holiday falls on a Monday, the course will start on the Tuesday. From September 2026 to August 2027, the school will be closed on the following dates:

September 7 • October 12 • December 21-25  
January 1 • March 26 • May 24  
June 24 (Quebec Holiday)

### Program Features

- Sessions are minimum 2 weeks long
- 15 hours of Core French classes per week
- Volunteer placement and supervision
- Flexible volunteering schedule
- Our classrooms have between 5 to 15 students
- 7 levels of instruction from beginner to advanced, based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages
- Optional activities every afternoon and excursions on weekends
- Homestay, residence or furnished apartment accommodation options

The French & Volunteering program consists of the Core French course that focuses on developing reading, writing, speaking, and comprehension in French for students of all levels and abilities. Additionally, through partnerships with a wide variety of non-profit organizations in Quebec City, you can choose your volunteer project based on your personal interests and availability. Some examples of volunteer projects are:

**Volunteering in a retirement home (medium to high level of French):** entertain retirees by reading to them, playing games, walking with them, or simply conversing. You can also serve food, clean, or help with administrative tasks.

**Volunteering in local community centres (medium to high level of French):** organize and participate in fairs and festivals, fundraisers, or interact with the neighbourhood children.

**Volunteering in a homeless shelter (low to medium level of French):** prepare the food counter for meal time, serve dinner, or help with the management and distribution of used clothing.

### Daily Schedule (Monday to Friday)

Regular Session (Early August to Mid June)

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| 8:30 am – 11:30 am | Core French  |
| Afternoon          | Volunteering |

Summer Session (Mid June to early August)

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| 8:30 am – 11:30 am | Core French  |
| Afternoon          | Volunteering |

### Requirements

- Minimum 18 years of age at the start of the program and A2 level of French proficiency completed prior to beginning the volunteer placement
- Foreign students must meet Canadian visa requirements and have travel and health insurance for the duration of the program

### Registration

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