Learning professional French in the medical sector



The University Institute of French Language and Culture (IULCF), a department of the Catholic Institute of Toulouse provides intensive courses in medical French from level A1 to B2 for healthcare professionals or future healthcare professionals.

The aim is to enable learners to interact with patients and other healthcare professionals in a variety of settings (healthcare establishments, private practice or humanitarian structures) and the professions associated with them (doctors, nurses, carers, dentists, osteopaths, etc.) in everyday situations encountered by most healthcare professionals.

Target audience

Healthcare professionals who are already working or students who plan to work in a French-speaking environment

Enrolment possible from level A1

Length of training

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80 hours of lessons per month – 20 hours per week – over 9 months, therefore 720 hours of training in total

Prices and dates

Registration fee : € 68

- € 998 per month
- € 8,982 for 9 months (720h)
- € 300 : Certification

Dates on request

Validation of ECTS and diploma

- 60 ECTS
- IULCF university certificate in medical French

Aims of the course

- Master oral and written French in professional communication situations in the medical and paramedical fields. Acquire the vocabulary and expressions used in the hospital environment
- Encourage learners to interact with patients and healthcare professionals in a variety of settings (healthcare establishments, private practice or humanitarian organisations) and the associated professions (doctor, nurse, care assistant, dentist, osteopath, etc.) in everyday situations encountered by most healthcare professions.
- Work on language skills to make yourself understood by patients/medical staff, through simulations of medical/patient consultations.
- Understand the French social security system and how it works.

Specific objectives

- Listening comprehension: understanding French in everyday professional conversations (appointments with patients, colleagues).
- Written comprehension: reading medical records, work notes and transmissions, basic articles from the medical press.
- Oral production: communicating orally with patients and the medical team, being able to speak in French, explain a treatment, explain a medical procedure, discuss a clinical protocol, etc.
- Written production: writing letters, reports and care transmissions, completing a medical file, completing a care protocol, writing a prevention note on health risks.
- These objectives will be organised around specific vocabulary, case studies and simulated situations.

Trainee assessment

Learners undergo continual assessment throughout the month and a informal test at the end of each month to evaluate the knowledge they have acquired during the course.



Programme

The IULCF offers a programme based on the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages. The teacher will work on oral and written expression skills, oral and written comprehension, as well as lexical objectives related to medical French, grammatical and socio-cultural objectives. Teaching methods focus on effective communication. The chosen pedagogical approach is action-based, favouring interaction between learners, teachers and learners themselves. It focuses not only on language activities, but also on the learner's know-how and interpersonal skills.

Schedules : Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 12.30pm - 80 hours/month

Types of learning document/ techniques used

- Popular medical documents with basic medical language content
- Authentic medical documents collected in the field
- Specialised videos
- Extracts from websites
- Specialist written press
- The book by Thomas Fassier and Solange Talavera-Goy "Le français des médecins" with 40 videos for communicating in hospital. The Talavera-Goy's book, Gardette, Perez 'Le français des infirmiers B1-B2" Editions PUG, 2023.

What you can expect

- Oral and written comprehension and speaking activities
- Activities to improve / extend vocabulary
- Role-playing, debates, study of tests, workshops
- Practical work: simulations of professional situations
- Visits to medical facilities and meetings with professionals hospital, clinic, doctor's surgery