

Courses and Mentoring for Coaches

We encourage new coaches to begin their training with the basic course, *Essentials*, then test and further develop their knowledge and skills through mentoring and taking additional courses.

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING (Prerequisite - <i>Language Coaching Essentials</i> Course)	TIME
Coaches' skills and knowledge develop more quickly when they meet regularly with a mentor to reflect on and evaluate their coaching sessions. In bi-weekly sessions, the coach and mentor discuss specific challenges the coach's learners are facing. Coaches testify that regular feedback and support is empowering!	6 sessions Meets every other week

SKILLS FOR EFFECTIVE LANGUAGE LEARNING - FOR COACHES (No prerequisite)	TIME
It's not uncommon for coaches to have had language learning experience but never to have taken a language acquisition course. As a result they don't always have the knowledge and resources to offer learners when needed. In this course, coaches fill in those gaps! They gain the knowledge and resources, learn the skills and try out the strategies that every learner needs to be effective.	6 sessions Meets weekly

MINI-COURSES (No prerequisites)	TIME
Mini-Courses are intensive, 1 on 1 tutorials that focus on a single language acquisition topic or skill. These tutorials are developed around a coach's questions and needs. Resources are provided. Write Acquire for a list of mini-courses we currently offer.	2 sessions Meets weekly

PRE-FIELD LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT TRAINING - (Prerequisite - at least one year of language coaching experience)	TIME
An assessment can reveal challenges a learner may face learning a language in a specific context. With this information, a coach can suggest appropriate strategies for addressing those issues. The coach's work is supervised. Coaches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carry out a pre-field assessment of a new learner, with follow-up interview ● Learn how to write a summary of results for an administrator or supervisor 	4 wks. Meets weekly