

Q&A

ADDITIONAL COACH TRAINING

We encourage new coaches to begin their training with the basic course, *Essentials*, then test and further develop their knowledge and skills by taking additional courses and through mentoring. **See pg. 2 for our offerings.**

WHO will benefit from additional coach training and mentoring?

- New coaches who have completed the *Essentials* (or other basic coach training course) and
 - Want to gain greater confidence in their ability to correctly diagnose and offer advice to learners (and do so in a “safe” environment)
 - Would benefit from regularly processing issues that arise during sessions with learners
- Experienced coaches who want to
 - Move up to the next level of coaching, are seeking advice for how to do that and support through the process.
 - Regularly process issues that come up in sessions with learners

WHEN and HOW are the courses offered?

- All courses and mentoring are offered upon request.
- Courses may be taken as one on one tutorials or groups may request private classes.
- All courses and mentoring are completely online. Learners complete independent assignments and also meet with their facilitator/mentor on ZOOM weekly during courses.

HOW much work is required?

- Time to complete lessons varies because each course is created around a coach’s (or group’s) specific needs and schedule. Generally, 4-6 hours per week is needed to carry out assignments.
- Coaches in mentoring relationships schedule their sessions according to their own schedules.

WHY do coaches need to continue their training?

- To keep basic language acquisition skills fresh
- To improve areas of weakness and grow in areas of strength
- For professional refreshment and encouragement
- To keep up to date on strategies, techniques and resources

WHO facilitates the courses?

- Acquire’s co-founders Andrea Warren and Carol Lewis facilitate the courses and oversee coaches.

COURSES AND MENTORING FOR COACHES

ONE-ON-ONE MENTORING (Prerequisite - <i>Language Coaching Essentials</i> Course)	TIME	PRICE
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	\$400

SKILLS FOR EFFECTIVE LANGUAGE LEARNING - FOR COACHES (No prerequisite)	TIME	PRICE
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	\$400

MINI-COURSES (No prerequisites)	TIME	PRICE
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 tutorials we currently offer.	2 sessions Meets weekly	\$200 per course

PRE-FIELD LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT TRAINING - (Prerequisite - at least one year of language coaching experience)	TIME	PRICE
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	\$225