



## Program Outline: Bridging Program Montessori/ECE

**Career Occupation:** Montessori Early Childhood Educator

The program provides an opportunity for AMI Montessori Primary Diploma holders who move to British Columbia and have received their Diploma from an AMI Institute outside British Columbia, to qualify for the Early Childhood Educator Certificate issued by the British Columbia Early Childhood Educator Registry.

**Brief Program Description:**

The program introduces the Child Care System in British Columbia to the student.

**Admission Requirements:**

Applicant must be an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Primary Diploma holder.

Applicant must be 19 years of age.

**Hours of Instruction:**

160 hours minimum, including the 120 hour Practicum. Flexible scheduling

**Homework Hours:** 2 hours per night

**Learning Objectives:**

- a) To become knowledgeable of the Child Care System in British Columbia
- b) To become aware of resources and advocacy groups that serve children and families
- c) To become aware of professional development opportunities.

**Materials Required:**

- a) 3-inch binder for Resource Manual
- b) Laptop recommended but not required.
- c) Access to the Internet

**Delivery Method:** In-class

**Evaluation:** Practicum Work Experience Evaluation

**Completion Requirements:**

- a) Full attendance of ECE Lectures (see below for current dates and topics)
- b) Completion of Resource Manual
- c) Completion of Practicum assignments and hours.

**Program Organization:**

- a) Lectures to introduce the Child Care System of British Columbia
- b) Compilation of a Resource Manual on the Child Care System (to be reviewed during
- c) Practicum Work Experience of 120 hours in a non-Montessori Group Child Care for children 3 to 5 years of age.

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## Program Admission

**Application Form:** The completed application form may be emailed or mailed directly to MTCBC.

**Application Fee:** \$200 (non-refundable due) with the application form.

**Resume:** A Resume (Curriculum vitae) must accompany the application form. All applicants to the Bridging program must be 19 years or older.

**AMI Diploma:** The applicant must submit a clear copy of his/her AMI Primary Diploma.

**References:** Referees should be two professional and one personal. Please provide each referee with the Reference Form you receive from the MTCBC. They must return it to you in a sealed envelope, to be included with your application package, or they must mail, or e-mail it directly to the MTCBC. If they choose to mail it, we suggest you provide them with a stamped, addressed envelope to facilitate a prompt reply.

**Government ID:** Please submit copies of two pieces of government ID.

**Health Form and Immunizations:** Please use the form provided by the MTCBC. The form must be signed and stamped by a Physician to certify that the applicant is in good health. Please provide an updated record of immunizations.

**Criminal Record Search Local:** For local and international applicants, please complete and sign the Criminal Record Search forms provided and return them to the MTCBC. The forms must be submitted by the MTCBC to the Ministry of Justice. The Ministry of Justice will contact you directly regarding payment. A \$28 fee will apply.

**Criminal Record Search International:** For international applicants only, a Criminal Record Search must be obtained from your home country and provided to the MTCBC for the purposes of working with young children in the practicum component of the Course; a copy of your birth certificate must accompany your international Criminal Record Search.

**Personal Course Orientation:** A personal course orientation will be arranged for each applicant once the application form and accompanying fee have been received.

*“Directing our action toward mankind means, first and foremost, doing so with regard to the child. The child, that ‘forgotten citizen’, must be appreciated in accordance with his true value. His rights as a human being who shapes all of mankind must become sacred, and the secret laws of his normal psychic development must light the way for civilization.” (Dr. Maria Montessori, Education and Peace)*