



AMI Montessori Elementary Teacher Training Course (6 – 12) Starting June 2019 in beautiful Vancouver, BC!

"The secret of good teaching is to regard the child's intelligence as a fertile field in which seeds may be sown, to grow under the heat of flaming imagination. "

Dr. Maria Montessori To Educate the Human Potential, p. 11

Elementary aged children, typically, can be characterised by their questioning minds, their ability to abstract and imagine, their moral and social orientation and their unlimited energy for research and exploration. They move from the concrete through their own efforts and discovery to the abstract - thus greatly expanding their field of knowledge.

In a research style of learning, elementary children work in small groups on a variety of projects which spark the imagination and engage the intellect. Lessons given by a trained Montessori teacher direct the children toward activities which help them to develop reasoning abilities and learn the arts of life.

Children, at this age, are driven to understand the universe and their place in it and their capacity to assimilate all aspects of culture is boundless. Elementary studies include geography, biology, history, language, mathematics in all its branches, science, music and art. Exploration of each area is encouraged through trips outside the classroom to community resources, such as library, planetarium, botanical garden, science centre, factory, hospital, etc. This inclusive approach to education fosters a feeling of connectedness to all humanity.

Elementary Course Overview

The study of Montessori pedagogy and child development as well as an interdisciplinary approach to the study of human beings, their endeavours and relationship with the universe for children from six to twelve years.

- Theory lectures on the Montessori philosophy and psychology
- Reading/study of Dr. Maria Montessori's books including directed reading seminars
- Presentation lectures on the purpose and use of the variety of Montessori Elementary activities
- Supervised practice with the Montessori materials
- Observation in Montessori classes
- Teaching practice in Montessori schools directed by an AMI Elementary Diploma holder
- Written work - the student compiles a reference album for each of the areas of the prepared environment with an essay style introduction for each album; an essay on each theory topic is written based on lecture notes and reading assignments.
- Material making assignments - students make activities for the classroom to keep for their own use

Requirements for Elementary Certification

The AMI Diploma is awarded upon satisfactory completion of the AMI Requirements for Certification, a document that is signed by the Director of Training and the student upon acceptance into the course. To be eligible to sit for the written and oral examinations a minimum attendance of 90% is required in the following: theory lectures, demonstrations of materials in each area, a minimum of 140 hours of supervised practice, discussions/reviews, and required reading seminars. In order to receive the Diploma the following requirements must be met: successful written and oral examinations, submission of acceptable albums in all areas, materials as required, observation and observation reports, practice teaching as scheduled and practice teaching reports.

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The Montessori Training Centre of BC

Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) The only AMI affiliated training centre in western Canada, the MTCBC was established in 1982 to meet the growing need for AMI Montessori educators. Our purpose as a non-profit society is to offer Montessori training courses accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). Website: www.ami-global.org

Private Training Institutions Branch, (The Ministry of Advanced Education)

The MTCBC is a designated institution with the Private Training Institutions Branch (PTIB) of the Ministry of Advanced Education. Website: www.ptib.bc.ca

Designated Learning Institution (DLI) The MTCBC is a Designated Learning Institution in the International Student Program (ISP) listed with Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC). Website: www.cic.gc.ca

Course Staff



Kyla Morenz, AMI Elementary Director of Training Kyla Morenz is an AMI Elementary Trainer from Toronto, Canada. She has a B.A. from the University of Waterloo and her M.Ed. from Loyola University in Maryland. In 2011, she obtained her TESOL certificate from the University of Toronto, Woodsworth College. She has AMI diplomas at both the 3-6 and 6-12 levels. She has taught in 6-9, 9-12, and 6-12 environments in Canada and Morocco. She has lectured on courses in North America and Europe. She is looking forward to establishing the Elementary Course in Vancouver.



Erin Higginbottom, Course Assistant

Erin Higginbottom got her start as an AMI Casa/preschool classroom assistant, has taught in both Lower and Upper Elementary classrooms in Western Canada, and has sat on the Board of Directors of The Montessori Society of Canada for several years. Erin also has experience in Montessori administration and leadership in the role of Principal, and most recently as Director of Education. She holds a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Toronto, an A.M.I. Montessori Elementary Teaching Diploma from the Montessori Institute of Milwaukee.



Montessori Elementary Teacher Diploma (AMI)

This internationally recognized Diploma is awarded by the Association Montessori Internationale to graduates of recognized training courses, of which the MTCBC is one. These courses must meet rigorous standards, both in content and teaching staff. AMI diploma holders are in great demand both nationally and internationally. Individuals must enquire what local requirements set out by governmental regulatory bodies must also be met when applying for teaching positions.

Program Admission Requirements

Application Form: The application form must be completed and emailed or mailed.

Essay: See questions provided on the application form.

Resume: A Resume (Curriculum vitae) must accompany the application form.

Transcripts: Official transcripts from each post-secondary educational institution you've attended are required, with an English translation if necessary. The educational standard for the course is a Bachelor's degree. Exceptions will be considered by the Director of Training on an individual basis.

References: 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, fax or e-mail it directly to the MTCBC. All reference letters require personal contact information of the referee. If they choose to mail it, we suggest you provide them with a stamped, addressed envelope to facilitate a prompt reply. Two of the three references must be on file to proceed with your interview. Referees should be an instructor, an employer and a family friend.

Government ID: Photocopy of two pieces of Government ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)

Criminal Record Search Local: For local applicants, please complete and sign the Criminal Record Search forms provided and return them to the MTCBC. The forms must be sent by the MTCBC to the Ministry of Justice.

Criminal Record Search International: For international applicants, a Criminal Record Search must be obtained from your home country and provided to the MTCBC for the purposes of working with children in the practicum component of the Course; a copy of your birth certificate must accompany your international Criminal Record Search. Upon arrival to Canada, please complete and sign the Provincial Criminal Record Search forms provided and return them to the MTCBC. The forms must be sent by the MTCBC to the British Columbia Ministry of Justice.

English Language Proficiency for ESL Students:

IELTS Academic minimum 6.5 with no band under 6.0; TOEFL iBT 80 with no section under 19, TOEFL computer 220; or an equivalent test score, as determined by the Montessori Training Centre of BC. If one has studied successfully in a post-secondary institution where English is the language of instruction, a test score may be waived. Language proficiency requirements may be waived if a group of non-English speaking students have a translator with them who will translate lectures and course material for them. Documentation is required with application papers.

Personal Interview: A personal interview will be arranged for each applicant once the aforementioned items have been received, indicating your application file is complete. Once the interview has been completed, the Admissions Committee will meet and an offer of acceptance may be made.

Visas and Permits: Please refer to the Canadian Immigration website for updated information.

Website: www.cic.gc.ca

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Dr. Maria Montessori: To Educate the Human Potential, p. 6

Course Calendar and Location:

The Elementary occurs over three summers, 2019, 2020 and 2021 at beautiful North Star Montessori conveniently located in North Vancouver, a satellite campus of the MTCBC. Course requirements between summers are scheduled by the student and occur off campus. The course is three summers with classes held daily from 8:00am to 4:30pm. Between the three summers, students must complete written assignments, arrange observations of children, and complete practicum requirements in an Elementary environment directed by a guide who holds the AMI Elementary Diploma.

Foundations Course: June 17 – July 19, 2019 (five weeks)

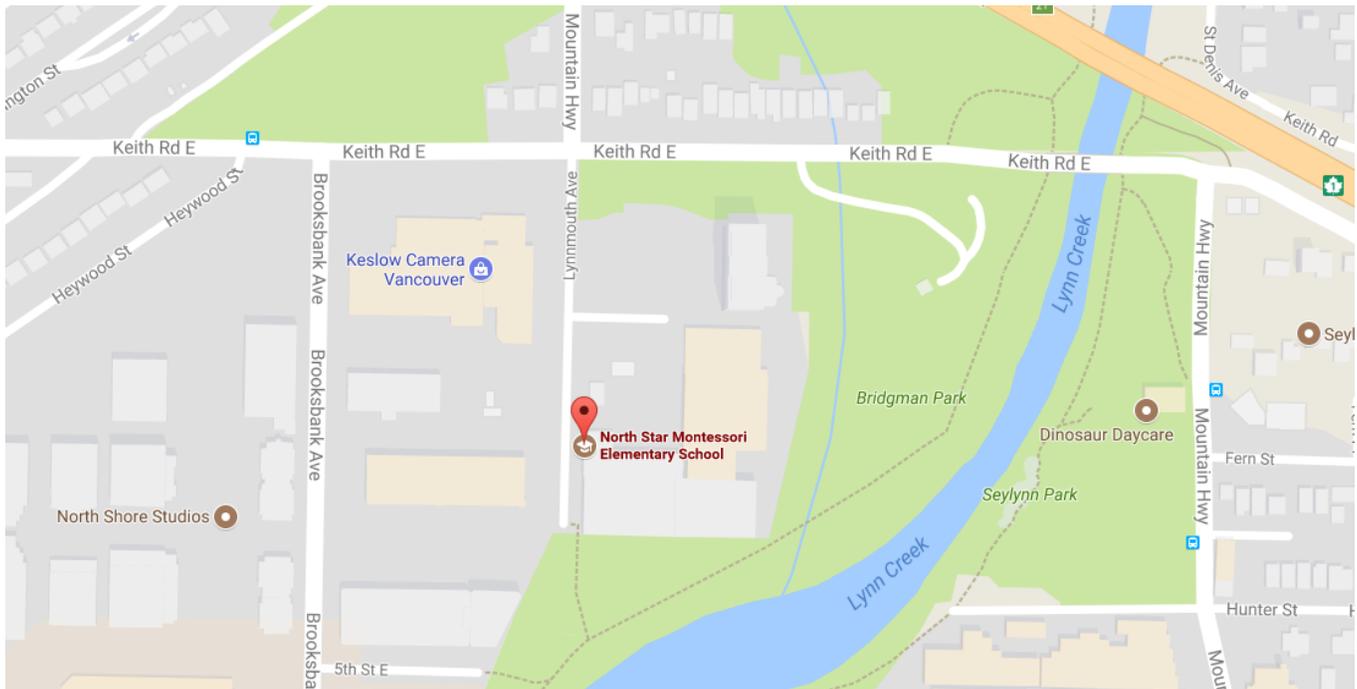
Pre-requisite: AMI 3-6 Diploma OR attendance on the AMI Foundation Course, which is a 5-week full-time preparatory course run prior to the start of the 6-12 course. *This course is required for all students who do not hold an AMI Primary diploma*

Summer One: July 22 – August 23, 2019 (five weeks)

Summer Two: June 29 – August 21, 2020 (eight weeks)

Summer Three: June 28 – August 20, 2021* (eight weeks)

**Dates are for Summer Three approximate and are to be confirmed by January 2021*



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Tuition and Schedule of Payments

Application and Course Fees Schedule

(Note: all fees are in Canadian dollars.)

Application

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$ 200
Foundations Course Tuition:	\$ 2,000 CAD
Elementary Course Tuition:	\$ 13,500 CAD

Upon Acceptance

Tuition Deposit applicable to Elementary Course Tuition: (due within two weeks upon offer of acceptance to reserve a space)	\$ 1,500
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Summer One: Fee Installment (due May 1, 2019)

Tuition Fees	\$ 6,000
Print Material Fee:	\$ 500
AMI student membership	\$ 50
Archive Fee	\$ 25

Summer Two Fees (due June 1, 2020)

Tuition Fees	\$ 6,000
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Summer Three Fees (due June 1, 2021)

Exam Fee	\$ 500
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Additional Course Expenses

Students should budget approximately \$1500 to \$2500 for books, supplies, chart, and hand-made materials.

The MTCBC reserves the right to cancel the course if minimum enrollment is not met.

"The child's development follows a path of successive stages of independence, and our knowledge of this must guide us in our behaviour towards him. We have to help the child to act, will and think for himself. This is the art of serving the spirit, an art which can be practiced to perfection only when working among children." (The Absorbent Mind, p. 257)