



Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

## A.M.I. ASSISTANTS (MONTESSORI BIRTH TO THREE) PROGRAM BROCHURE 2019



### **MTCBC Assistants to Infancy Campus**

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## Focus of the Assistant's Work:

The intention of the Assistants Course is to help interested adults become able assistants in a Montessori Nido or Infant Community.

The task of the Assistant is to support and help the Guide to maintain the equilibrium within the class, to do follow up work with the children, to do language work with the children, helping to maintain order within the environment.

- To observe
- To learn when and how to intervene (not interfere)
- To acquire the ability to allow the children to become more and more independent; "any unnecessary help is a hindrance to development"
- To gain knowledge of Montessori's understanding of Freedom and Discipline
- To learn how to gain the children's trust
- To understand the power of the absorbent mind
- To understand the importance of consistency (also related to use of language) and routines
- To understand the importance of the environment: Indoor and outdoor
- The importance of food and food preparation

## Duration of the Course Programme:

- Sixty hours at the Centre and nine additional hours of observation, some to be completed at the Centre.

## Course Structure:

Monday to Friday Evenings: 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturdays: 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

- Week 1: Monday, January 7 to Saturday, January 12, 2019
- Week 2: Monday, January 14 to Saturday, January 19, 2019

## Required Reading:

- Understanding the Human Being (Read before course starts.)
- Absorbent Mind
- The Child in the Family
- Education for a New World
- The Secret of Childhood

Available for purchase at the training centre



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## The Course Programme:

- Introduction to Montessori
- The Role of the Guide
- The Role of the Assistant
- Overview of Planes of Development
- The Child's Mind from 0-6 Years
- Order
- Development of Movement
- Development of Language
- Independence
- Prepared Environment
- Freedom and Discipline
- Observation
- Music and Art
- Maintaining the Environment (Indoor and Outdoor)
- Toilet learning
- Material Making

## Observation:

- 9 hours of observation—parallel to the course. Some hours will be included at the Centre. Specific topics to focus on will be given for observation.

## Requirements for Certification:

- Completion of course
- Submission of three papers (500 words each) on topics set by the course and to be submitted by a date set by the course director.
- A minimum of 90% attendance is required for certification

## Admission Requirements:

- One must be 19 years of age at graduation and have Grade 12 OR have Mature Student Status (19 years of age or older)
- Completion of a course application.
- Photocopy of one Government ID with photo (driver's license, passport, birth certificate, etc.).
- A non-refundable application fee of \$200, tuition fee of \$950 (refundable if unable to attend and 10 business days notice is given) and material fee of \$40
- Student Enrolment Contract.



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### Birth to Three Assistants Course Staff



**Maria Teresa (Chacha) Vidales, Director of Training,** (Mexico) is an AMI Director of Training at the Assistants to Infancy Level. She has directed courses in Dallas, Texas, China and Australia. She also co-directed the Assistants to Infancy Course in Japan and San Diego, and collaborated with the course in Denver. Maria Teresa serves as AMI examiner, consultant, lecturer, and workshop leader. Maria Teresa also holds the AMI Primary diploma. She has operated a school in Mexico since 1989, and has been working with children close to thirty years. Chacha also served on the AMI Board of Directors. We are thrilled to be offering a 6<sup>th</sup> Assistants to Infancy Course under Chacha Vidales' directorship.

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## Tuition Fees in Canadian Dollars

Application Fee: (Non-refundable.)	\$ 200.00
Tuition Fee: (Refundable if 10 business days notice is given.)	950.00
Material Fee: (Refundable if 10 business days notice is given.)	<u>40.00</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b> Payable in full with Registration Form	<b>\$ 1,190.00</b>

- Payable by cheque, cash, money order, wire transfer or *Interac* e-Transfer to:  
**Montessori Training Centre of B.C.** (Sorry, we do not accept Credit Cards at this time.)

All fees and tuition are due upon registration in order to reserve your space in the course.

Sufficient registration is required by **December 15, 2018** to ensure the course is offered. For information on tuition and fee refund, please refer to our Tuition and Fee Refund Policy as provided in the information and application package.



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## Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)

The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) was founded in 1929 by Maria Montessori to maintain the integrity of her life's work, and to ensure that it would be perpetuated after her death. AMI is the recognized international authority on Montessori education. During its long history AMI has fostered the growth and development of Montessori programs and teacher training, and worked to support the development and education of children and young adults in a vast variety of settings throughout the world. AMI is a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information (since 1985) and an NGO in operational relations with UNESCO (since 1962).

## Why Take AMI Training?

- **Founded by Dr. Maria Montessori**  
The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), founded in 1929 by Dr. Maria Montessori, is a global community which continues today to protect the integrity of her work.
- **A Guarantee of Quality**  
The Association Montessori Internationale affiliates training centres throughout the world. These centres offer AMI diploma courses which are recognized worldwide for their excellence and authenticity. The training is essentially the same in each centre. Training centres affiliated to AMI remain under the constant supervision of AMI, are staffed by AMI Teacher Trainers and each course is examined by an external examiner appointed by AMI.
- **Knowledgeable Trainers Make the Difference**  
Every AMI course is conducted by an AMI Director of Training. These dedicated trainers have extensive teaching experience, an academic background, have participated in a rigorous Training of Trainers Program and possess in-depth knowledge and understanding of Montessori principles and applications.

## Courses offered at the Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

AMI Assistants to Infancy (Birth to 3 Years) and ITE  
AMI Primary (3 to 6 Years) and ECE  
AMI Elementary (6-12 Years)  
AMI Assistants Course (Birth to 3 Years and 3 to 6 Years)  
ECE Bridging Course

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