



# Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

Montessori Assistants to Infancy (0 to 3) Diploma Course  
2020-2021



*“... we must never forget that man... begins his mental growth at birth and pursues it with greatest intensity during the first three years of life.”*

*~Dr. Maria Montessori*

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## Program Overview:

### AMI Montessori Assistants to Infancy Training Course

- The course graduates are prepared to be Montessori Infant Toddler Educators. They have the knowledge to work with parents perinatally, assist with the infant at birth, prepare beautiful and responsive environments, direct Infant Toddler Communities in schools, day care settings and wherever children under the age of three are found!

#### **Program components include:**

- **Montessori Pedagogy and Philosophy:** the natural development of the child from conception to three years of age
- **Anatomy and Physiology**
- **Obstetrics:** Prenatal, birth and postnatal development
- **Nutrition and Hygiene:** Maternal care, digestive system, food preparation, and health issues
- **Child Neuropsychiatry:** The Nervous System and normal psychological development
- **Development of Movement and Development of Language**
- Preparation of the **Home Environment and Infant Community** as an aid to human development within the first three
- **Music, Art and Social/Emotional Development**
- **Material making:** the preparation of hand-made materials
- **Observations:** Practical training for observation of infants and toddlers in homes and Infant Communities
- **Practicum in a Montessori Infant Community:** directed by an AMI Assistants to Infancy Diploma holder
- **Preparation of reference and resource albums**

## Program Calendar:

This is a full-time academic program with a two-summer format. The course takes place over two summers from the beginning of June to the end of August.

- Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with one-hour lunch time. (Occasional Saturdays may be required).

#### **Schedule:**

##### **First Summer: June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021-August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

The first summer's work begins with an overview of Montessori Pedagogy, following the child's natural development, and focusing on the period from conception to age three. Students also study Anatomy and Physiology, Obstetrics, Hygiene and Nutrition in the medical components. Preparation for the Home Environment and materials to support the child's Psychosensory-Motor Developments are carefully studied. Students make materials for children under 12 months, under the supervision of and marked by the Assistants to Infancy Trainers and Course Assistant.

##### **Between the two summers:**

The requirements listed below are arranged by the student and discussed with the Trainers. Students complete 250 hours of observation of children from birth to three, at home and in group settings. Each student arranges a Practicum in a Montessori Infant Community directed by an AMI Assistants to Infancy Diploma holder who will evaluate the Practicum. If a visit is required by a course staff member, travel and lodging expenses are the student's responsibility. Observation assignments are handed in regularly during this period. Students must complete and submit the written assignments and paper by the deadlines set out by the Trainers.

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## Second Summer: June 13th, 2022- September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022

The second summer furthers the students' knowledge with a study of Child Neuropsychiatry and Community Environments. The focus is on preparation of the Infants Community (for children from 12 to 36 months). Written assignments are handed in regularly throughout the summer. Written and oral exams are given at the end of the second summer. Students are required to practice with the materials under supervision.

**\*MTCBC reserves the right to modify the schedule if required**

## Required Reading:

### Books by Dr. Maria Montessori

- The Absorbent Mind (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Child in the Family (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- Education for a New World (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Discovery of the Child (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Formation of Man (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Secret of Childhood (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The 1946 London Lectures (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- Citizens of the World (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Four Planes of Education (AMI Pamphlet)

### Books by other Authors

- Understanding the Human Being: The Importance of the First Three Years of Life by *Dr. Silvana Montenaro*
- The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education by *Mario M. Montessori*
- Maria Montessori: Her life and Work by *E.M. Standing*
- Education for Human Development: Understanding Montessori Education by *Mario M. Montessori*
- The Well-Balanced Child: Movement and Early Learning by *Sally Goddard Blythe*
- Touching: Human Significance of the Skin by *Ashley Montagu* Available for purchase at the training centre
- Oneness and Separateness: From Infant to Individual by *Louise Kaplan*
- Childhood and Society by *Eric Ericson*
- The Interpersonal World of the Infant by *Daniel N. Stern*
- Medical Text

## Certification Awarded:

- AMI Assistants to Infancy Certificate
- Infant Toddler Educator Certificate (ECE, Post Basic). *Graduates who hold an ECE certificate in British Columbia qualify for the Post Basic Infant Toddler Educator Certificate upon completion of the course.*

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## Admission Requirements:

- Application form completed, signed and dated
- Application Fee:
  - Local student \$300
  - International student \$350
- Two pieces Government photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)
- Statement of Purpose: please answer the following on a separate page
  - How did you become interested in Montessori Education?
  - What are your goals in taking this Assistants to Infancy Training Program at MTCBC?
  - Please describe your experience with children
- Health Certificate and Immunization Record- Please use the form provided by MTCBC
- Résumé
- Two recent Canadian passport-sized photographs
- Observation Report: a written report of 2-hour observation in an AMI 0-3 Infant Community classroom in your area (if possible)
- Transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended
- References: 3 reference letters either e-mail/mail to the MTCBC directly or provided to you in a sealed envelope. Referees should be an instructor; please provide 2 professional references and 1 personal reference
- Criminal Record Check: complete and sign the form provided and return to MTCBC
- English Language Proficiency: this course is conducted at a university level and the language of instruction is English. Applicants must demonstrate English proficiency by providing one of the following:
  - Proof of post-secondary courses in which the language of instruction is English
  - An IELTS ACADEMIC score of 6.0
  - A TOEFL score of 220 computer testing, 83 internet-based testing or equivalent
- Age requirement: Applicants must be 19 years of age at graduation and have completed Grade 12 OR Mature Student Status (19 years of age or older)
- Personal Interview: upon receipt of all documents, a personal interview will be arranged; the applicant will be asked to write a short essay.

## Requirements for Certification:

- Completion of the course requirements includes:
- Attendance at lectures and supervised practice (at least 90% of attendance)
  - 250 hours of observation of infants and toddlers, which includes at least one-week practice in a Montessori Infant Community
  - Material making assignments
  - Written assignments and research papers
  - Reference albums and resource manuals
  - Passing grades on written examinations
  - Passing grade in oral examinations conducted by AMI Examiners

## International Students:

Study Permits: Applicants attending the course in Canada for less than six months and returning home between summers will not require a Study Permit. The MTCBC will provide a Letter of Attendance for entry into Canada for the study period for the first summer. A second letter will be provided the following year for the second study period. Applicants may be required to show a return ticket home when entering Canada. Canada Immigration website: [www.cic.gc.ca/English/visit/visas.asp](http://www.cic.gc.ca/English/visit/visas.asp)

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## Tuition Fees & Schedule of Payments

The **total tuition fee** for all students is \$14,250.00 (CAN dollars) payable as follows:

**Deposit is due upon Acceptance to hold your place in the course: \$1500.00**

**First Fee Installment due June 1, 2021:**

Tuition Fee: \$6375

Compulsory fees (Canadian) – non-refundable

\$ 50 AMI student membership due on the first day of the first term

\$ 25 Archive fee due on the first day of the first term

**Second Fee Installment due June 1, 2022:**

Tuition Fee: \$6375

Compulsory fees (Canadian) – non-refundable

\$ 50 AMI student membership due on the first day of the first term

\$ 600 Examination Fee due on the first day of the second term

Additional Course Expenses may include \$900 for books, supplies and hand-made materials.

Payable by cheque, money order, wire transfer and Interac e-Transfer to:

**Montessori Training Centre of B.C.**

\*\*\* Please contact us if you wish to make payment by Ali Pay or WeChat Pay

*Please note: The MTCBC reserves the right to cancel the course if the minimum enrollment is not met.*

**COVID-19 ALERT:** The course is set to begin **IN-PERSON** in Vancouver and is contingent on COVID-19 travel restrictions. If International Travel Bans remain in place prior to the course beginning, the course will begin online for the first summer.



*“This course exceeded all my expectations regarding the development of the child from conception onward. I gained a deep understanding of the young child, so much so that it literally transformed me.” – Dina Russo – De Cotiis*

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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.

### *Mission Statement of Montessori Training Centre of BC*

*To educate adults to support the natural development of children with an understanding of the profound truths underlying Montessori pedagogy in affiliation with the AMI.*

#### **Training Courses offered at the MTCBC**

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 Courses (Birth to 3 and 3 to 6)  
ECE Bridging Course  
AMI Primary Refresher Course and Professional Development Workshops  
Parent-Infant Classes  
Parent Education Workshops

For general information about our programs please contact us at: [info@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:info@mtcbc-ami.org)

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