



# Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

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## OBSERVATION ASSIGNMENT

Dear Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in the Primary Training Course. Under normal circumstances, we require applicants to complete an observation visit in a Montessori environment and submit a report as part of the application. We believe in the benefits of observing a Montessori classroom to help applicants make an informed decision about taking the Montessori journey. However, due to Covid protocols, most schools are not allowing observers at this time.

As an alternative to an actual classroom visit, we require an online observation instead. You will find the videos on the website [montessoriguide.com](http://montessoriguide.com):

<https://montessoriguide.org/video-listing#primary>

The two videos you are asked to watch are:

1. "Connections"
2. "Peer to Peer Relations"

As you're watching the videos, we ask that you keep the following questions in mind:

- Observe the overall classroom environment.** Is this something you have seen before, or is this a different kind of classroom or daycare setting? What differences can you see between these Montessori classrooms and other childcare settings you've been to before?
- Observe the adults in the environment.** How do they relate to the children? Describe their demeanor particularly their energy levels, their movements, how they move about the room and how they give direction/intervention/guidance.
- Observe the children.** What do you think is the age range in the different classrooms featured? How do children relate to their activities, to each other, to the adults? Note down the different activities that you see happening; individual, small group, large group activities.
- Reflection:** Could you see yourself in a classroom environment such as the ones on the videos? Do you think your "style" or "personality" would be suited to such an environment? If so, why?

Please write up your observations and reflections and include in your application package.

Thank you.