



Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

Montessori Primary Teacher Training & Early Childhood Education (ECE) Diploma Program 2021-2022



“The goal of early childhood education should be to *activate* the child’s own natural *desire to learn.*”

-*Maria Montessori*

“*Follow the Child...*”



Program Overview:

AMI Primary Teacher Diploma AND Early Childhood Education Diploma

- This program trains adults to work with children 3 to 6 years of age and to prepare a beautiful and orderly environment according to the principles and practices of Dr. Maria Montessori and the Association Montessori Internationale
- Upon successful completion of all academic and practicum requirements, graduates are qualified to receive the BC Early Childhood Educator Certificate

Program components include:

- [Theory lectures](#) on the Montessori philosophy and psychology of child development in the early years
- [Reading/study](#) of Dr. Maria Montessori's books including directed reading seminars
- [Presentation lectures](#) on the purpose and use of various Montessori activities and materials
- [Supervised and independent practice](#) with the Montessori materials
- [Observation](#) in the community and in Montessori classes, including the lab school, Montessori Children's Community
- [Teaching practice](#) in local Montessori schools
- [Observation and Practicum](#) in a non-Montessori day care setting
- [Written work](#) - students compile a reference album for each of the four areas of the prepared environment with an essay style introduction for each album; students write an essay on each theory topic based on lecture notes and reading assignments
- [Material making assignments](#) - students make materials for the classroom to keep for their own use

Program Calendar

- This is a full-time academic program from September 2021 to July 2022 inclusively.
- Holidays include a two-week winter break in December and one-week spring break in March.
- Written examinations take place in March or April. Oral Examinations are scheduled at the end of the school year.
- Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with one-hour lunch time

Required Reading

Books by Dr. Maria Montessori

- The Absorbent Mind (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Advanced Montessori Method Vol. 1 (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Discovery of the Child (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- Education and Peace (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)
- Education for a New World (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Four Planes of Education (AMI Pamphlet)

Books by other Authors

- The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education by *Mario M. Montessori*
- Maria Montessori: Her life and Work by *E.M. Standing*
- Montessori Music – Sensorial Exploration and Notation with the Bells by *Jean K. Miller, Ph.D.*

Available for purchase at the training centre

Certification Awarded:

- AMI Primary Teacher Diploma
- Early Childhood Education Diploma
- Eligible for ECE Certificate for BC ECE Registry



Admission Requirements:

- Application form completed, signed and dated
- Application Fee:
 - Domestic student \$250; international student \$350
 - Two pieces of government issued identification (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 Primary 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 3-6 Montessori classroom in your area* (criteria currently waived due to COVID-19)
- Transcript 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 from two professional sources & one personal source. Please use MTCBC Reference Letter Form
- 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
- 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 in:
- Attendance at lectures and supervised practice
 - Observation and practicum requirements
 - Material making assignments
 - Written assignments
 - Reference albums and resource manuals
 - Passing grades on written and oral examinations

International Students:

International students require a study permit for this program. Early application is recommended to allow for processing student visa. For more information, please check: www.cic.gc.ca

Tuition Fees

The total tuition fee for all students is \$17,500 (Canadian) payable as follows:
\$1500 Non-refundable deposit due upon acceptance
\$8000 Due on the first day of the first term
\$8000 Due on the first day of the second term

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

Additional Course Expenses may include \$600 for book, supplies and hand-made materials. Payable by cheque, money order and Interac e-transfer to:

Montessori Training Centre of B.C.

Please contact us if you wish to make payment by international wire transfer.



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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, 3 to 6 & 6 to 12)
ECE Bridging Course
AMI Primary Refresher Course
Professional Development Workshops
Parent-Infant Classes
Parent Education Workshops

For general information about our programs please contact us at: info@mtcbc-ami.org