



Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

AMI Montessori Elementary Teacher Training Program



“We shall walk together on this path of life, for all things are a part of this universe, and are connected with each other to form one whole unity. This idea helps the mind of a child to become fixed, to stop wandering in an aimless quest for knowledge. He is satisfied, having found the universal centre of himself with all things.”

~ *Maria Montessori: To Educate the Human Potential*

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Elementary Satellite Campus :

North Star Montessori Elementary School

1325 E. Keith Road, North Vancouver, BC, V7J 1J3

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AMI Website: www.montessori-ami.org



Program Overview:

AMI Elementary Diploma

The objective of this program is to give you information regarding the Montessori philosophy and approach to child development, the study of Montessori pedagogy and child development as well as an interdisciplinary approach to the study of human beings, their endeavors, and relationships with the universe for children from six to twelve years. The course will provide training in the development of skills one will require to work with elementary aged children in a Montessori Environment. Specific guidance will be given to develop these skills. Upon successful completion of all academic and practicum requirements, graduates will receive their AMI Elementary Diploma.

Program components include:

- [Theory lectures](#) on the Montessori philosophy and psychology of child development from ages 0 – 12.
- [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
- [Teaching practice](#) in Montessori schools directed by an AMI Elementary Diploma holder
- [Written work](#) - students compile a reference album for each of the areas of the prepared environment; the student must complete the assignments given over the duration of the course.
- [Material making assignments](#) - students make materials for the classroom to keep for their own use

Program Calendar & Pre-requisite Foundation Course:

This is a full-time academic program with a three-summer format. The course takes place in beautiful North Vancouver, over three summers from the beginning of July to the end of August.

- Monday to Friday from 8:00am to 4:30pm, with a one-hour lunch.

Location: North Star Montessori Elementary School
1325 E. Keith Road, North Vancouver, BC, V7J 1J3

Schedule:

First Summer: July 4th to August 26th, 2022

Second Summer: July 3rd to August 25th, 2023

Third Summer: July 2nd to August 23rd, 2024

Between the summers

Students must participate in webinars, complete, and submit electronic assignments, arrange for observations of children and successfully complete practicum requirements in an Elementary environment directed by a Guide who holds an AMI Elementary Diploma.

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



Required Reading:

Books by Dr. Maria Montessori

- The Absorbent Mind (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Advanced Montessori Method Vol. I (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Advanced Montessori Method Vol. II (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- Citizen of the World (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- Education and Peace (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- The Formation of Man (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- Psychogeometry (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- From Childhood to Adolescence (Montessori-Pierson Edition)
- To Educate the Human Potential (Montessori-Pierson Edition)

Books by other Authors

- The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education by *Mario M. Montessori*
- The 1946 Lectures (Montessori -Pierson Edition)

Recommended Reading

- Creative Development in the Child: Volume I (Kalakshetra Press)
- Creative Development in the Child: Volume II (Kalakshetra Press)

Available for purchase at the training centre

Certification Awarded:

- AMI Elementary Teacher Diploma

Admission Requirements:

The Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia (MTCBC) works in affiliation with the Association Montessori International (AMI). The courses offered must meet rigorous standards, in both content and teaching staff.

☐ Application form completed, signed, and dated

☐ Application Fee (CAD):

- Local \$250; International student \$350

☐ Two pieces Government issued photo ID (driver's license, passport, etc.)

☐ Personal Essay:

Statement of Purpose Essay: please answer the following on a separate page

- What is your experience with Montessori education at this age?
- What influenced your decision to pursue the study of Montessori education at this age level?
- Why have you chosen the Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia to pursue your Montessori Teacher Training?
- How do you meet each point of the Criteria for Admission? See below:

Criteria for Admissions:

- Academic skills for success in comprehensive and rigorous course of study
- Clear oral and written communication
- Capacities for organization, time management and attention to detail
- Collaborative strengths for community building

☐ Health Certificate and Immunization Record- Please use the form provided by MTCBC

☐ Résumé

☐ Two recent Canadian passport-sized photographs



- ☐ Transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended (*mail or e-mailed directly from post-secondary institution to the Training Centre).
 - A photocopy of your AMI Primary Diploma (if applicable)
 - Official Transcripts (with English translations if applicable)
- ☐ References: 3 reference letters either e-mail/mail to the MTCBC directly or provided to you in a sealed envelope. Referees should be provided by two professional sources and one personal source.
- ☐ Criminal Record Check: complete e-CRC
- ☐ 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 receipts of all documents, a personal interview will be arranged. Once the interview has been completed, the Admissions Committee will meet, and an offer of acceptance may be made.

"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 the flaming imagination".

- Dr. Maria Montessori - To Educate the Human Potential

Requirements for Certification:

- Completion of the course requirements in:
- 90% attendance at lectures, supervised practice, discussions, and reviews and required reading seminars
 - Observation and practicum requirements (90 hrs. observation, 120 hrs. practicum)
 - Material making assignments
 - Written assignments
 - Completion of 9 reference albums and resource manuals
 - Passing grades on written and oral examinations

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 of the first summer. A second and third letter will be provided the following years of the 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



Tuition Fees

The total tuition fee for all students is \$17,500 (CAD) payable as follows:

\$ 1500 Non-refundable deposit due upon acceptance

First Summer Fee Installment due June 15, 2022:

Tuition Fee: \$8000 CAD

Auxiliary Fees (CAD) – non-refundable

\$ 50 AMI Student Membership due on June 15, 2022

\$ 25 Archive fee due on June 15, 2022

\$ 275 Print fee due on June 15, 2022

Second Summer Fee Installment due June 15, 2023

Tuition Fee: \$8000 CAD

Auxiliary Fees (Canadian) – non-refundable

\$ 50 AMI Student Membership due on June 15, 2023

\$ 275 Print fee due on June 15, 2023

Third Summer Fee Installment due June 15, 2024

Tuition Fee: \$600

\$ 600 Examination fee due on June 15, 2024

\$ 150 Print fee due on June 15, 2024

Additional Course Expenses may include \$1500 to \$2000 for books, teacher charts, supplies and hand-made materials. *Does not include a Print Fee of \$700 split between the 3 summers.

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 may begin online for the first summer.



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
Professional Development Workshops

Classes offered at the Montessori Family Centre (A-I Campus)

Parent-Infant Classes
Parent Education Workshops

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