



*Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)*

# Montessori Primary Teacher Training & Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Diploma Program



“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
- Teaching practice in Montessori schools
- Observation and Practicum in a non-Montessori daycare setting
- Compiling a reference album for each of the four areas of the prepared environment and a theory album
- Making materials for the classroom to keep for their own use

## Program Calendar

### Course Commences on Saturday, May 6th, 2023.

- **Online Lectures:** The course begins with online lectures on Saturday mornings throughout May and June. Further lectures will be scheduled intermittently on Saturday mornings between summer one and summer two, dates TBD.
- **Summer One:** Onsite classes from June 26th - August 25th, 2023, in Vancouver, BC
- **Spring Module:** Two weeks onsite March 15 - March 28, 2024, in Vancouver, BC
- **Summer Two:** Onsite in Vancouver, BC, June 24th - August 23, 2024
- **Written and Oral Exams:** Scheduled in the summer of 2024
- **Montessori Observation and Practice Teaching** completed during the academic year.

*These dates may be subject to change if necessary. Any change will be announced in advance and in writing.*

## Certification Awarded

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

## Certification Requirements

### **Certification is dependent on completion of the following:**

- Maintain a minimum 90% attendance at all online and in-person sessions and supervised practices
- Observation and practicum requirements
- Material making assignments
- Written assignments
- Reference albums and resource manuals
- Passing grades on written and oral examinations



## Admission Requirements

- Application form:** completed and signed, online or PDF. Including:
  - **Incl. two pieces of government ID** (passport, driver's license, etc.)
  - **Recent Curriculum Vitae (CV)**
  - **Two recent Canadian passport-sized photographs**
  - **Observation Report:** a written report of a 2-hour observation in a 3-6 Montessori classroom in your area
- Statement of Purpose, please answer the following:**
  - 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.
- 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
- Application fee:** Domestic student \$250; International student \$350
- Two references provided online or through reference form supplied by MTCBC**
- Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended** - sent directly from institution
- Criminal Record Check:** complete e-CRC
- Personal Interview:** after all documents are received, a personal interview will be arranged either in-person, or via Zoom.
- Immunization History** (required for practicum placement)

## Tuition Fees

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

- **\$1500** non-refundable deposit due upon acceptance
- Three equal installments of **\$5333.33**
  - Due: **May 1st, 2023; October 1st, 2023, March 1st, 2024**

Compulsory fees (CAD) – non-refundable:

- \$ 50 AMI student membership due on May 1st, 2023
- \$ 50 AMI student membership due on March 1st, 2024
- \$ 25 Archive fee due on May 1st, 2023
- \$ 600 Examination Fee due on March 1st, 2024

Additional course expenses may include approximately \$600 for books, supplies, and hand-made materials.

Payable by cheque or money order to: **Montessori Training Centre of B.C.**, or by Interac e-transfer to **transfer@mtcbc-ami.org**

Please [contact us](#) if you wish to make payment by international wire transfer.

## International Students

International students **may require a student visa** to attend this course. Early application is encouraged to allow for visa processing times. For further information please visit: [www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada.html)



## 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](mailto:info@mtcbc-ami.org)