



# Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

Montessori Assistants to Infancy (0 to 3) Diploma Course  
2023-2024



*"... 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

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
- **Personality Development:** Normal psychological development
- **Development of Movement and Development of Language**
- Preparation of the **Home and Nido Environment, and Infant Community** as an aid to human development within the first three years of life.
- **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.
- **Community Service:** Students volunteer for community service as part of one's observation and practicum hours.
- **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, **IN-PERSON & ONSITE AT THE MTCBC**, from mid-June to the end of August.

- Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with one-hour lunch time. (Occasional Saturdays may be required).
- Regular scheduled reference album submissions are required throughout the academic year.
- Montessori Observation and Practicum hours, and observation summaries to be completed before the second summer.

#### **Schedule:**

##### **First Summer: June 12, 2023 – August 25, 2023**

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:**

Students are responsible for arranging the completion of the following between the two summers:

- 250 hours of observation of children from birth to three, at home and in group settings. Hours must include a 40 hour Practicum in a Montessori Infant Community directed by an AMI Assistants to Infancy Diploma holder who will evaluate the Practicum, and 15 hours of Community Service. If a visit is required by a course staff member, travel and lodging expenses are the student's responsibility.

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- Observation assignments/summaries are handed in regularly during this period.
- Students must complete and submit scheduled written assignments and papers by the deadlines set out by the Trainers.

## **Second Summer: June 17, 2024 – August 30, 2024**

The second summer furthers the students' knowledge with a study of Child Personality Development 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***

## **Certification Awarded:**

- AMI Assistants to Infancy Certificate
- Infant Toddler Educator Diploma (ECE, Post Basic). *Graduates who hold an ECE certificate in British Columbia qualify for the Post Basic Infant Toddler Educator Diploma upon completion of the course. **\*Of note, if one wishes to become certified in BC, one must complete 80% of the 250 hours of observation and practicum in the province of BC.***

## **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 Montessori Assistants to Infancy classroom in your area (if possible)
- Statement of Purpose, please answer the following:**
  - 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.
- 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)

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## Certification Requirements:

Completion of the course requirements includes:

- Attendance at lectures and supervised practice (at least 90% of attendance)
- 250 hours of observation and observation summaries of infants and toddlers, which includes 40 hours of practicum in a Montessori Infant Community and 15 hours of community service.
- Material making assignments
- Submitted and accepted 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)

## Tuition Fees & Schedule of Payments

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

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

### First Fee Installment due June 1, 2023:

Tuition Fee: \$6375

Compulsory fees (CAD) – 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

\$ 500 Student Materials Package

### Second Fee Installment due June 1, 2024:

Tuition Fee: \$6375

Compulsory fees (CAD) – 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 up to \$600 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.*

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*“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



## 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).

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## 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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