



A.M.I MONTESSORI BIRTH TO 3 ORIENTATION COURSE



*“Let us leave the life free to develop
within the limit of good,
and let us observe this inner life
developing”*

-Dr. Maria Montessori



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Objectives of the Orientation Course

The Montessori Orientation Course for Ages 0–3 is an introduction to the developmental characteristics and needs of children ages 0–3. It supports understanding of this developmental stage for parents, caregivers, school staff, or any individual seeking general knowledge about Montessori developmental theory and education. Successful participation in all Orientation Course Requirements leads to award of the AMI Orientation Course ‘Certificate of Completion’ at the 0–3 level.

Participants will be able:

- To gain general knowledge of the Montessori approach to childhood development and education
- To explore how an adult can best support optimal development for this age group in any environment and as needed, to identify and remove obstacles to optimal development
- To understand the unique nature of the 0–3-year-old child’s mind (the Absorbent Mind), the powers for development active at this stage, and the needs and characteristics of children at this stage of development
- To understand the general importance of Observation as a basis for providing developmental support of 0–3-year-old children in any environment

Duration of the Course Programme:

The course will take place **online**. 60 hours of course content will be delivered over three weeks, with one additional week to complete the 9 hours of observation.

Course Structure:

Monday to Friday: 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm PST

- Week1: Monday, April 17th to Friday, April 21st, 2023 - online
- Week2: Monday, April 24th to Friday, April 28th, 2023-observations
- Week3: Monday, May 1st to Friday, May 5th, 2023 - online
- Week 4: Monday, May 7th to Friday, May 12th, 2023 - online

Required Reading:

- Understanding the Human Being (Read before course starts)
- Absorbent Mind
- The Child in the Family
- Education for a New World
- Citizen of the World

Available for purchase online or at the MTCBC

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The Course Programme:

- Montessori Theory and Education with focus on the needs and characteristics of children ages 0–3
- Role of an adult in a 0–3-year-old child’s self-construction
- The role of an environment: the Home; the Montessori Nido; the Montessori Infant Community
- Observation: purpose, technique, and self-reflection, as appropriate for ages 0–3
- Self-Construction: i) The Absorbent Mind ii) The Importance of Order and Routine iii) The Development of Movement iv) The Development of Language v) The Significance of Food, Clothing, and Toileting during the ages 0–3

Observation:

- Observation hours will take place the second week of the course. These are additional to the 60 hours course content. Specific topics will be given for observation assignments.

Requirements for Certification:

- Completion of course
- Submission of one paper (500 words) and two outlines of topics set by the Course Director.
- A minimum of 90% attendance is required for certification

Admission Requirements:

- One must be 19 years of age at graduation and have Grade 12 OR have Mature Student Status (19 years of age or older)
- Completion of a course application.
- Photocopy of one Government ID with photo (driver’s license, passport, birth certificate, etc.).
- A non-refundable application fee of \$250, tuition fee of \$950 (refundable if unable to attend and 10 business days’ notice is given) and material fee of \$50
- High school level English is required as translators are not permitted
- Student Enrolment Contract.

Certification Awarded:

- A.M.I. 0-3 Orientation Certificate
- Eligible for ECE Assistant (ECEA) Certificate if working in B.C.

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Birth to Three Orientation Course Trainer



Maria Teresa (Chacha) Vidales,

Director of Training (Mexico) is (Mexico) is an AMI Director of Training at the Assistants to Infancy Level. She has directed courses in Dallas, Texas, China and Australia. She also co-directed the Assistants to Infancy Course in Japan and San Diego and collaborated with the course in Denver. Maria Teresa serves as AMI examiner, consultant, lecturer, and workshop leader. Maria Teresa also holds the AMI Primary diploma. She has operated a school in Mexico since 1989 and has been working with children close to thirty years. Chacha also served on the AMI Board of Directors. We are thrilled to be offering a 4th Assistants to Infancy Assistant Course under Chacha Vidales' directorship.



Teanny Hurtado, Co-Director of Training.

As a daughter of Maria Teresa Vidales, Teanny's journey in Montessori began in Mexico City where she attended Montessori school from the age of 4 to 12 years. She holds her Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and a Master's Degree in Psychotherapy from the Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico City.

As an AMI Assistants to Infancy Diploma (0-3) holder, Teanny worked in Chacha's Montessori school with this age group for more than 25 years. Here she opened the first Nido in Mexico in 1999 for babies aged 3 months old to walking. Currently she has been lecturing alongside Maria Teresa Vidales (Chacha) in courses in Mexico, China and Canada. Teanny is an AMI consultant in Mexico and the USA and gives workshops for teachers and parents. We are very pleased she is able to bring her deep passion for and understanding of this age group to our course in Vancouver.

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Tuition Fees in Canadian Dollars

Application Fee: (Non-refundable.)	\$250.00
Tuition Fee: (Refundable if 10 business days' notice is given)	\$950.00
Material Fee: (Refundable if 10 business days' notice is given)	\$50.00
TOTAL: Payable in full with Registration Form	\$ 1,250.00

Registration: please send your application package to: admissions@mtcbc-ami.org

Payable by cheque, wire transfer, or Interac e-Transfer to: transfer@mtcbc-ami.org

Please contact the training centre for more information on international wire transfers
admissions@mtcbc-ami.org

Application Fee is due with Application Form. Tuition fees and all remaining fees are due immediately upon acceptance to the course.

Sufficient registration is required by April 11, 2023 to ensure the course is offered. For information on tuition and refunds, please refer to our Tuition and Fee Refund Policy as provided on the website and application package.



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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