



Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

A.M.I. Orientation Course (6-12) PROGRAM BROCHURE 2023



Offered Online through the MTCBC

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Course Objectives:

The Orientation Course is an introduction to the developmental characteristics and needs of children between 6 and 12 years of age. It provides valuable information for parents, caregivers, school staff or any individual seeking general knowledge about Montessori developmental theory and education.

This course highlights the important work of the adult as an aid to the elementary aged child's development.

The course supports the following objectives:

- To learn how to observe the elementary child
- To learn how to interact with the elementary aged child
- To gain knowledge of Montessori philosophy on education for children aged 6-12 years
- To understand the importance of prepared environment: indoor and outdoor
- To support social, moral and intellectual development of elementary children
- To explore how an adult can best support optimal development for this age group in any environment, and to identify and remove obstacles to optimal development.

Duration of the Course Programme:

- Sixty hours of course lectures and coursework completed synchronously and asynchronously online; plus nine additional hours of observation in a Montessori Elementary classroom environment.

Course Structure:

Online Synchronous Sessions:

Saturdays: Sept. 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th – 8:30am – 11:30am PST

Tuesdays & Thursdays: Sept. 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 26th, 28th, Oct. 3rd, 5th
6:00pm – 9:00pm PST

Asynchronous Sessions: Videos, readings and assignments according to the course schedule

Observation: 9 hours of observation arranged independently by the student in a Montessori Elementary Classroom

Required Reading:

Selected reading from the following books will be assigned during the course:

- To Educate the Human Potential
- From Childhood to Adolescence
- The Formation of Man
- Education and Peace

Available for purchase at the training centre or online.



The Course Programme:

- Introduction to Montessori - Historical Perspective
- Understanding the Rights of the Child (UNCRC)
- Fundamental Human Needs and Tendencies
- Overview of Montessori's theory of human development
- Needs and Characteristics of children between 6 and 12 years
- Social and Moral Development of elementary age children
- Cosmic Education
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Going out with elementary children
- Observation
- Prepared environment
- The Role of the Adult

Observation:

- 9 hours of observation parallel to the course. Observations to be completed either in a Montessori elementary classroom or in a playground or park where children are free to move around. Specific topics will be given for the observation assignments.

Requirements for Certification:

- Completion of course
- Submission of three papers (500 words each) on topics set by the course and to be submitted by a date set by the course director.
- Submission of observation notes and assignment by a date set by the course director.
- A minimum of 90% attendance is required for certification and 100% of observation hours must be filled.

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)
- High School level English is required as translators are not permitted
- 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 \$150, tuition fee of \$850 (refundable if unable to attend and 10 business days' notice is given)
- Student Enrolment Contract

Certification Awarded:

- AMI Orientation Certificate (internationally recognized)



Elementary Orientation Course Trainer

Prabha Karthik completed the AMI 6 to12 training course in 2009 and the 3 to 6 course in 2016 in Navadisha Montessori Foundation, Chennai, India. She has worked as part of the training team in Navadisha under Ann Dunne, first as a course assistant and later as a trainer-in-training from 2012 to 2021. She has helped to conduct many orientation courses, both online and in-person. She has also been a National Examiner on AMI Elementary courses. She holds a Master's degree in Econometrics from Madras University, Diploma in Special Education from V-Excel Education Trust, and Diploma in Elementary Education from the National Institute of Open Schooling, Government of India.

Prabha has been involved with a Gandhian organization Shanti Ashram for over 14 years. Through a partnership with Shanti Ashram, Arigatou International, UNICEF and Global Network of Religions for Children (GNRC), she has facilitated ethics education workshops for children, young people and parents both in rural and urban communities, within India and outside. She has also been part of an international working group as a Montessori specialist to help create and implement ethics education programmes for children under 12 years of age.

Course Assistant

Terry Millie believes that together we do more than educate; we nurture human potential. Terry works to inspire experiences that lead to reflection, personal growth, and learning. Through this work, he is also committed to a personal journey of lifelong learning. Terry has a M. Ed in addition to being an AMI trained guide at both the 3-6 and 6-12 levels. He is currently working towards becoming an AMI elementary trainer.



Tuition Fees in Canadian Dollars

Application Fee: (Non-refundable.)	\$ 150.00
Tuition Fee: (Refundable if 10 business days notice is given.)	850.00
TOTAL: Payable in full with Registration Form	\$ 1,000.00

- Payable by cheque, cash, money order, wire transfer or *Interac* e-Transfer to:
Montessori Training Centre of B.C. (Sorry, we do not accept Credit Cards at this time.)

All fees and tuition are due upon registration in order to reserve your space on the course.

Sufficient registration is required by **September 5th, 2023**, to ensure the course is offered. For information on tuition and fee refunds, please refer to our Tuition and Fee Refund Policy as provided in the information and application package.



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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**

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- **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.

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