



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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AMI Website: [www.montessori-ami.org](http://www.montessori-ami.org)



## Program Overview:

### AMI Elementary Diploma

The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Elementary diploma is recognized world-wide as the highest standard in Montessori teacher education. For those interested in working with 6-12 year olds, the Elementary diploma course provides a deep and thorough study in Montessori practice and theory in child development, pedagogy, and the interdisciplinary study of the work of the human being.

Children of this age are uniquely imaginative and interested in understanding the universe and how it works. Because this aged child is developing intellectual curiosity, social relationships, empathy, greater freedoms and responsibility, the Montessori elementary offers them stories that inspire group activity, hands-on materials to explore and develop knowledge and skill with academic content, and means of musical and artistic expression.

Adult learners will dig into Montessori foundational principles, classroom content lesson, explore the use of the inventive Montessori material. You will be guided on your journey by experts with decades of experience teaching children and adults. Specific guidance will be given to support the content, to put theory into practice, and to develop the skills needed to work with elementary using the Montessori approach. As a Montessori trained adult, you will learn to support the growth of imagination, their intellectual independence, resilience, social responsibility, dignity and self-esteem.

Upon successful completion of all academic and practicum requirements, graduates will receive the 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
- [All other requirements determined by AMI](#)

## Trainers:

**Christine Trostel, AMI Elementary Trainer and International Examiner**

**Terrence Millie, AMI Elementary Auxiliary Trainer**



## Course Description and Calendar

This is a blended academic program which means some components will be presented online and some in person over summer breaks and one 2 week spring session. The blended format allows adult professionals reduced time away from home and work. In person components take place in beautiful Vancouver, B.C.

The course takes place from March 2024-August 2025.

There are 3 in-person Modules to be held in Vancouver, B.C.:

Summer 2024, March break 2025 and Summer 2025.

There will be 2 additional Seminar Sessions, additional synchronous and asynchronous seminars, and work in the months between the modules (see “Between Summers” below).

The Montessori elementary program prepares students to work with 6-12 year olds (1st to 6th grade) using Dr. Maria Montessori’s methods and theory. Adult learners will engage in a concentrated course that blends online and in-person learning. There will be live, in-person lecture seminars, discussion, practical training with Montessori materials, observation, and practice teaching – as well as synchronous and asynchronous online work. The course also provides integrated preparatory and foundations work to support children transitioning into the Montessori elementary program.

### Schedule:\*

**Entire Course:** March 2024 to August 2025

- **Seminar Sessions 1 (online)**  
March 30, April 13, 27 and May 11, 25, June 8, 22, 2024
- **Module 1 (in-person):** July 1 to August 23, 2024
- **Seminar Sessions 2 (online):**  
September 28, October 12, 26, November 9, 23, 2024, January 4, 18, February 1, 15, 2025
- **Module 2 (in-person):** March 17-28, 2025
- **Seminar Sessions 3 (online):**  
April 12, 26, May 10, 24, June 7, 2025
- **Module 3 (in-person):** June 30 to August 22, 2025

### Between the summers

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.*

## Certification Awarded:

**AMI Elementary Teacher Diploma** (recognized worldwide)



## Admission Requirements:

The Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia (MTCBC) works in affiliation with the Association Montessori Internationale (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
- Access to electronic devices and sufficient WiFi to support using online Learning Management Systems, video & audio communication, and some digital literacy

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)

1 reference letter from a personal source, either e-mailed/mailed to the MTCBC directly or provided to you in a sealed envelope

2 Letters of Recommendation from someone who has worked with you in a supervisory role addressing the following points:

- Academic skills for success in the 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

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 receipt 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.



## International Students:

**Study Permits:** International students will be required to apply for a study permit for the three in-person modules in Summer 2024, March 2025 & Summer 2025. Please follow the instructions on this link: <https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html>

## Tuition Fees:

The total tuition fee for all students is \$17,850 (CAD)

In addition, the following fees apply:

- \$ 250 Domestic Student Application Fee (\$350 International Student Fee) – Non-Refundable
- \$ 1000 Print Materials Fee
- \$ 250 Examination Fee
- \$ 100 AMI Membership Fee
- \$ 25 Archive Fee

Tuition Fees payable:

- \$ 1500 Deposit due upon acceptance
  
- \$ 6550 First Term Installment due June 1, 2024
- \$ 6525 Second Term Installment due January 1, 2025
- \$ 4650 Final Installment due June 1, 2025

Additional Course Expenses may include \$1000-1500 for books, supplies and hand- made materials (not included in the Print Materials fee)

Payable by cheque, money order, wire transfer to: **Montessori Training Centre of B.C.**  
or Interac e-Transfer to: [transfer@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:transfer@mtcbc-ami.org)

\*\*\* Please contact us if you wish to make payment by Ali Pay or WeChat Pay

EXTENDED PAYMENT PLANS available- please inquire! Eligible for Student Aid BC loans.

*Please note: The MTCBC reserves the right to cancel the course if the minimum enrollment is not met by February 29, 2024.*

## 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).

*"The child's development follows a path of successive stages of independence, and our knowledge of this must guide us in our behaviour towards him. We have to help the child to act, will and think for himself. This is the art of serving the spirit, an art which can be practiced to perfection only when working among children."*

~ Dr. Maria Montessori (*The Absorbent Mind*, p. 257)