



Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

## A.M.I. Orientation Course (0 - 3)

### COURSE CATALOGUE 2025



### Offered Online through the MTCBC

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Our website: [www.mtcbc-ami.org](http://www.mtcbc-ami.org)



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



## Course Objectives:

The 0-3 Orientation Course intends to help interested adults become assistants in a home Montessori Nido or Infant Community. The Assistant's task is not to give initial presentations of the materials but rather to support and help the Directress maintain the equilibrium within the class, do follow-up work and language work with the children and helping maintain order within the environment. The 60-hour Orientation Course will include a series of lectures, observations and activities to assist in understanding and supporting Montessori philosophy.

The focus of the prepared adult's work:

- To observe
- To learn when & how to intervene (not interfere) with the children
- To acquire the ability to allow the children to become more independent – *“Any unnecessary help is a hindrance to development”*.
- To gain knowledge of Montessori's understanding of Freedom and Discipline
- To learn how to gain the children's trust
- To understand the power of the absorbent mind
- To understand the importance of consistency (also related to the use of language) and routines.
- To understand the importance of the outdoor and indoor environment
- The importance of food and food preparation

## Duration of the Course Programme:

- Sixty hours of course lectures and coursework completed synchronously and asynchronously online; nine additional hours of observation of a child/children under 3.

## Course Structure:

**February 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 28, 2025**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. PT (Pacific Time)**

- **Online Synchronous Sessions:** 40 hours of seminars, discussions, lectures, observation exercises, and group activities held online
- **Asynchronous Sessions:** 11 hours of videos, readings and assignments according to the course schedule from February 4 - 28, 2025.
- **Observation:** 9 hours of observation of a child/children under the age of 3 arranged independently by the student (notes are required).



## Requirements to receive an A.M.I. Orientation Certificate

- Submission of one written paper (500 words) to be completed by date stipulated by the course director.
- To obtain the 0-3 Orientation Certificate, a minimum attendance of 90% is required.
- 9-hours of observation of child(ren) under the age of 3 years (notes are required).
- Digital Album of the Course (PDF, Google Documents or Word Document).
- One electronic device with a camera

## Student Needs:

- Laptop or Computer Access
- Wi Fi Access
- Privacy
- Notepad
- Pencil or Pen, 1 citrus fruit for observation

## Suggested Readings:

- The Director of Training will provide articles or chapters to read, but it is suggested (not required) to own the following book:

### **What You Should Know About Your Child**

***By Maria Montessori (Montessori-Pierson Edition)***

*Limited copies available for purchase at the MTCBC*



## 0-3 Orientation Course Trainer



### Gabriela Velazquez

#### AMI 0-3 Trainer & MTCBC 0-3 Director of Training

Gabriela was a “Montessori child” who grew up attending Montessori schools in México. It was only natural that she pursued a career in Montessori education. After completing her degree in Early Childhood Education, she earned the AMI Assistance to Infancy diploma. She worked for over 20 years in Montessori schools in México and the United States before becoming an AMI Trainer at the level of 0-3 Assistants to infancy. She has worked on 0-3 teacher-training courses in Argentina, Denver, San Diego and Taiwan. She recently presented 0-3 Assistant Certificate courses in Phoenix and China. She serves as an AMI lecturer, consultant and examiner and is directing courses in Arizona, Los Angeles and Atlanta.



### 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.

For general information about our programs please contact us at: [info@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:info@mtcbc-ami.org)



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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.)	\$1000.00
<b>TOTAL:</b> Payable in full with Registration Form	<b>\$ 1,250.00</b>

Payable by cheque, cash, money order, wire transfer or *Interac* e-Transfer to:

**Montessori Training Centre of B.C.**

(Credit Cards are not accepted)

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

Sufficient registration is required by **January 24, 2025**, 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.

**Registration: please register online at**

[https://mtcbc.populiweb.com/router/admissions/onlineapplications/index?embedded=1&application\\_form=11](https://mtcbc.populiweb.com/router/admissions/onlineapplications/index?embedded=1&application_form=11)

Or scan:



Send \$250.00 application fee by Interac e-Transfer: [transfer@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:transfer@mtcbc-ami.org)

*\*Please contact the training centre for more information on international wire transfers:*

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