



**AMI Montessori Three to Six Orientation Course  
SPRING 2025**



*"It is the child who makes the man, and no man exists who was not made by the child he once was"*

*- Maria Montessori*

*"Follow the Child..."*



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### REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

#### The focus of a Montessori Assistant's Work:

Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Orientation Course is open to anyone wishing to know about the Montessori philosophy. The Orientation Course highlights the important work of the adult as an aid to the child's development at the crucial early stages of life; knowledge and understanding that could be applied to young children in any setting, including the home environment and as a support to the Guide in a Montessori Children's House (Primary Programme).

#### Course Structure:

**10 Sessions: Saturdays: March 29 – June 7, 2025**

**Saturdays from 9:00 am - 4:00pm**

**March 29 (mandatory), April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 24, 31, June 7, 2025** In person training at the MTCBC, 1410 Nanton Ave., Vancouver

**NOTE: There will be 2 in-person observation sessions at the Montessori Children's Community (MCC), attendance to at least 1 of these observations is required.**

#### Observation:

- Observation visits to the MCC: Tuesday, May 20 & Friday, May 23, 900-1230 (at least one observation visit required)
- In-class observation exercises; Specific topics will be given for observation assignments

#### Requirements for Certification:

- Attentive engagement and active participation throughout the course.
- Album and Materials completed and approved.
- A minimum of 90% attendance is required for certification.
- Attendance at the first class on March 29<sup>th</sup> is mandatory.
- Participation in at least one of the two observation visits (May 20 or 23) is required to complete the course.
- **Cellphone use allowed only during breaks!**

#### Certification Awarded:

- AMI Orientation Certificate (Internationally recognized)
- Eligible for ECE Assistant Certificate (ECEA) from ECE Registry of BC

#### Program Requirements:

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**High school English proficiency is required**

One must be 19 years of age by graduation and have Grade 12 or Mature Student Status (19 years of age or older).

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### The Course Programme:

The course lectures consist of study on the following Montessori topics:

- Stages of Development
- The Prepared Environment
- The Role of the Guide and Assistant
- Development of Language
- Scientific Observation
- Absorbent Mind
- Sensitive Periods
- Freedom & Discipline
- Development of Independence & Movement
- Social Development
- Development of Order
- Practical Applications

### Duration of the course programme:

The course will take place *in-person at the Montessori Training Centre of BC*

69 hours of course content will be delivered with observation performed during class time.

### Required Reading:

**The Absorbent Mind** (*Montessori-Pierson Edition - required edition*)

**The Secret of Childhood** (*Montessori-Pierson Edition - required edition*) Additional required reading provided during the course.

**Books are an additional cost (approx. \$50.00 CAD), separate from the Material fees.**  
*Available for purchase from the MTCBC or can be purchased from other retailers.*

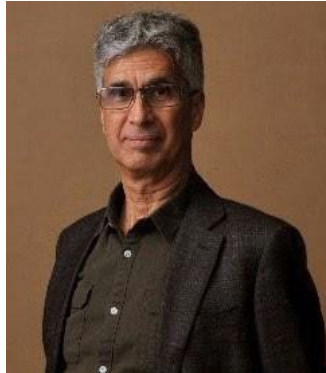
Course work will consist of lectures, the reading of selected Montessori passages, discussion, practical aspects for implementation and the personalizing of a Resource Album and material. An AMI 3-6 Orientation Course Certificate of Completion and transcript will be issued, based upon 90% attendance, course participation and the completion of the Resource Album and material. Transcripts will be provided upon successful completion of the course to apply for the ECEA certificate through the ECE Registry of BC.

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## AMI Montessori Three to Six Orientation Course

### Trainer



**Eduardo Cuevas, Director of Training**, completed AMI Primary Training in 1973 in Mexico City. Besides having directed his own class in the school he founded, he has directed training courses in Puerto Rico, Spain and the United States, and had been the Director of Training with the MTCBC from 1999-2020. Mr. Cuevas has extensive experience as an AMI Consultant and Director of Parent Education Programmes. He holds a Master's degree in Primary Education from Loyola College, Baltimore, USA and is a past member of the AMI Board of Directors.

### 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 oversees training centres throughout the world. These centres offer AMI diploma courses which are recognized worldwide for their excellence and authenticity. Training centres affiliated to AMI remain under the constant supervision of AMI, are staffed by AMI Teacher Trainers and by an external examiner appointed by AMI for our diploma courses.

**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 Programme and possess in-depth knowledge and understanding of Montessori principles and applications.

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## Language Requirements

The A.M.I. Orientation Course is considered a post-secondary course. All course instruction is delivered in English, and all course materials are expected to be completed in English. In order to complete this course successfully, it is required that one has high school level English proficiency. The Montessori Training Centre of BC may ask for an interview or writing sample to ensure that one will be able to successfully complete the course. Translators are not permitted.

**Recording of the lectures is not permitted.**

## Tuition Fees in Canadian Dollars

Application Fee: (Non-refundable.)	\$250.00
Tuition Fee:	\$950.00
Material Fee:	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<u>\$1250.00</u>

**Registration: please send your application form to: [admissions@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:admissions@mtcbc-ami.org)**

Interac e-Transfer: [transfer@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:transfer@mtcbc-ami.org)  
(We do not accept Credit Cards at this time.)

*\*Please contact the training centre for more information on international wire transfers\*  
[admissions@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:admissions@mtcbc-ami.org)*

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

Sufficient number of registration is required by **Monday, March 17, 2025** to ensure the course is offered.

## Course Location

**Montessori Training Centre of BC**  
**1410 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver, B.C. 604-261-0864**

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