



# MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTRE OF BC



## A.M.I. PRIMARY (3-6) ORIENTATION COURSE COURSE CATALOGUE SUMMER 2025

Offered Online through the MTCBC

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To register:



MTCBC Website: [www.mtcbc-ami.org](http://www.mtcbc-ami.org)



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



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## Course Objectives:

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).

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

- To observe
- To learn when & how to intervene (not interfere)
- To acquire the ability to allow children to become more and more independent.
- "Any unnecessary help is a hindrance to development"
- To gain knowledge of Montessori's understanding of Freedom and Discipline
- To acquire the ability to support the development of the child by assisting the teacher

## Duration of the Course Programme:

July 22 to August 28, 2025

4:00 - 7:00 pm Pacific 3-Hour Sessions:

- Tuesday and Thursday Evening

*Total Course Delivery Hour: 60*

## Course Structure:

**Online Synchronous Sessions:** Zoom - 36 Hours

16:00 - 19:00 3-Hour Sessions on Tuesday and Thursday

**Asynchronous Sessions:**

Reading Assignments - 8 Hours

Recorded Videos - 16 Hours

**Observation:** 9 Hours of Observation in a Montessori 3-6 classroom



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## Focused Reading:

- The Absorbent Mind - Chapter 27 - The Teacher's Preparation
- The Discovery of the Child - Chapter 23 - Discipline in the Children's House
- The 1946 London Lectures - Chapter 11 - Social Development and Adaptation
- The Absorbent Mind - Chapter 8 - The Child's Conquest of Independence
- The Discovery of the Child - Chapter 1 - On the Application of Science to the School
- The Absorbent Mind - Chapter 24 - Mistakes and Their Correction

## The Course Programme:

### ***Synchronous Schedule***

- Course Opening
- How to navigate the Asynchronous Portion
- The life and work of Dr. Maria Montessori
- The Human Tendencies and Human Development
- Seminar on The Four Planes of Development with an emphasis on First Plane
- The Mind of the Child - the Absorbent Mind and the Sensitive Periods
- The Prepared Environment
- Movement Development and the Prepared Environment
- Language Development and the Prepared Environment
- Observation Lecture and Observation Exercises
- Adaptation Process
- Independence
- Freedom and Discipline
- Role of the Adults

### ***Asynchronous***

- Practical Life
- Preliminary Exercises for Assistants
- Language
- Informal Lessons



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## Observation:

- 9 hours of observation parallel to the course. Observations to be completed in a Montessori Casa 3-6 classroom. 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 director and to be submitted by a date set by the course director.
- A minimum of 90% of synchronous attendance is required for certification and 100% asynchronous & observation hours must be completed.

*\*All tasks must be completed 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)
- 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 \$250, tuition fee of \$1000 (refundable if unable to attend and 10 business days' notice is given)
- Student Enrolment Contract

## Certification Awarded:

- AMI Primary Orientation Certificate (internationally recognized)
- Eligible for ECE Assistant Certificate from ECE Registry of BC



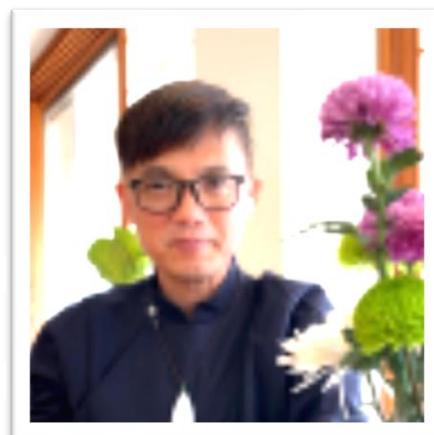
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## Primary Orientation Course Trainer

**Teng-Chein Yu**

AMI 3-6 Trainer

AMI Lecturer, Consultant, Examiner



Teng-Chien is an international Montessori trainer, originally from Taiwan. He began his career as a licensed Clinical Social Worker within elementary school communities where he met his passion for Montessori. He taught English in Montessori schools in Taipei and from there he came to the US where he obtained first his Assistant to Infancy AMI diploma, and then his Primary AMI diploma under the guidance of Joan Bettmann. He served as a 0-3 guide and a Children's House guide and a pedagogy director in the US, Taiwan and China. Teng-Chien subsequently became an AMI Primary Trainer, and has taught Primary Orientation Courses in Taiwan. He also served as an observer and consultant in Hong Kong, Thailand, and Singapore. Since 2019, Teng-Chien has given three Primary training courses in Denver and is currently currently directing courses in Maryland and Thailand.

## Tuition Fees in Canadian Dollars

Application Fee: (Non-refundable)	\$250.00
Tuition Fee:	\$1000.00
Online Learning Management Program Fees	\$50.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,300.00</b>

Payable by Interac e-Transfer to: [transfer@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:transfer@mtcbc-ami.org) OR  
cheque, cash, bank draft to **Montessori Training Centre of B.C.**  
(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.

1. Students who wish to withdraw from the program must notify the Training Centre by email ([admissions@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:admissions@mtcbc-ami.org)) at least ten (10) business days prior to the Start Date in order to receive a refund of Tuition Fees and Material Fees otherwise no refund will be provided.
2. Students who are dismissed from the program are not entitled to a refund.
3. As this is a Program that Does Not Require Approval under the *Private Training Act*, students may not file a claim against the Student Tuition Protection Fund with the trustee of the Fund in respect of this program of instruction.

Sufficient registration is required by **July 15, 2025**, to ensure the course is offered.



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## 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.

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