



A.M.I. MONTESSORI PRIMARY TRAINING & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR (ECE) DIPLOMA COURSE



"If education is to be based on what we know of little children, we must first understand their development."

- Maria Montessori

The 1946 London Lectures, pg. 42

"Follow the child..."

ABOUT US



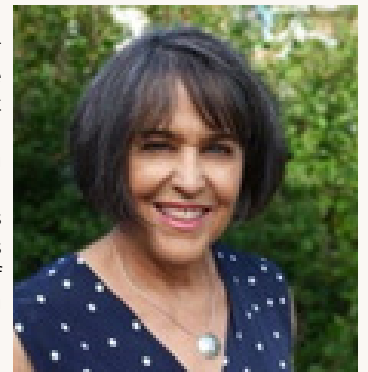
The **Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)** was founded in 1929 by Maria Montessori to maintain the integrity of her life's work, and to ensure that it would be perpetuated after her death. AMI is the recognized international authority on Montessori education.

During its long history, the 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 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.

DIRECTOR OF TRAINING, ANNE LAWS

Anne graduated from Queen's University with a B.A. and a B.Ed. and then went on to complete her AMI Primary diploma in Toronto in 1984. After working in the classroom for several years, she completed a M. Ed. in Early Childhood Education from the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education at the University of Toronto (1989). Anne has worked as a guide and as a Principal in Montessori schools in Toronto and Ottawa. She began the Training of Trainers' Programme at the Montessori Training Centre of BC, becoming an Auxiliary Trainer in 2003. She has worked for many years as a trained AMI Primary Consultant, National Examiner and Lecturer. Anne served as a founding member of AMI's Affiliated Society in Canada and as Editor of its member newsletter. She worked several years as Executive Director of Canada's current affiliated society, AMI (Canada). She continues in the role of Coordinator of AMI's School Recognition Program in Canada. She joined the Montessori Training Centre of BC in September 2019, and has been the Primary Director of Training since 2020.



MISSION STATEMENT OF THE MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTRE OF BC

To educate adults to support the natural development of children with an understanding of the profound truths underlying Montessori pedagogy in affiliation with AMI.

"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)

We are grateful to work and learn on the unceded traditional territories of the x̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Sḵw̱x̱w̱ú7mesh (Squamish), and sə̱ilw̱ətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.



MONTESSORI PRIMARY TRAINING & ECE COURSE THE FOCUS OF A MONTESSORI GUIDE'S WORK

This program trains adults to work with children 3 to 6 years of age and to prepare a beautiful and orderly environment according to the principles and practices of Dr. Maria Montessori and the Association Montessori Internationale. Upon successful completion of all academic and practicum requirements, graduates receive the internationally-recognized AMI Primary Diploma, and are qualified to receive the BC Early Childhood Educator Certificate.

PROGRAM CALENDAR

APRIL 23, 2026 TO JULY 23, 2027

Online Lectures: Online sessions will run on Thursday evenings, from 330 pm to 630 pm Pacific Time and Saturday mornings, from 900 am to 1200 pm Pacific Time, starting April 23.

Onsite Sessions in Vancouver, B.C.: 830 am to 430 pm Pacific Time at the MTCBC
Mondays to Fridays including selected Saturdays

- May 19 - 30, 2026
- August 10 - 21, 2026
- October 19 - 30, 2026
- March 13 - 25, 2027
- June 29 - July 23, 2027

- **Early Childhood Education** lectures, observation and Practicum: scheduled during the academic year
- **Written exams:** June 2027
- **Oral Exams & Graduation:** July 2027
- **Montessori Observation and Practice Teaching:** scheduled during the academic year.

THESE DATES MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE IF NECESSARY. ANY CHANGE WILL BE ANNOUNCED IN ADVANCE.



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

THE COURSE COMPONENTS CONSIST OF STUDY ON THE FOLLOWING MONTESSORI TOPICS:

- Theory lectures on the Montessori philosophy and psychology of child development in the early years
- Reading/study of Dr. Maria Montessori's books including directed reading seminars
- Presentation lectures on the purpose and use of 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
- Observation and Practicum in a non-Montessori daycare setting
- Compiling reference albums for the four areas of the prepared environment and on Montessori theory
- Making materials for the classroom to keep for your own use



REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATION IS DEPENDENT ON COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Maintain a minimum 90% attendance at all online and in-person sessions
- Supervised practice requirements
- Observation and practicum requirements
- Material making assignments
- Written assignments
- Complete and correct Reference Albums
- Passing grades on written and oral examinations

CERTIFICATION AWARDED:

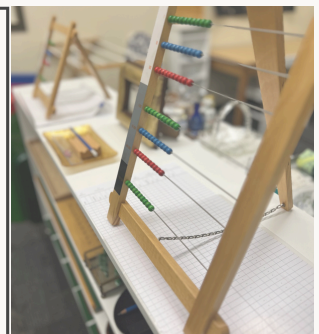
- AMI PRIMARY DIPLOMA (internationally recognized)
- Eligible for Early Childhood Educator (ECE) Certificate from the ECE Registry of BC



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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

The Montessori Primary & ECE Program prepares learners to work with children ages 3-6 years 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.



NOTE: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS & STUDY PERMITS: International students will be required to apply for a foreign study permit. Please contact us if you wish to apply as an international student.

<https://www.canada.ca/en/immigration-refugees-citizenship/services/study-canada/study-permit/apply.html>

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MONTESSORI PRIMARY TRAINING & ECE COURSE



ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Application form completed, signed, and dated
- Application Fee (CAD):
 - Local \$250; International student \$350
- Two pieces of government-issued photo IDs
- Health Certificate and Immunization Record- Please use the form provided by MTCBC
- Résumé
- One recent digital Canadian passport-sized photograph
- Transcript from all post-secondary institutions attended (*mail or e-mailed directly from post-secondary institution to the Training Centre).
 - Official Transcripts (with English translations if applicable)
- 1 reference letter from a personal source, and 2 Letters of Recommendation from someone who has worked with you in a professional or academic supervisory role, submitted directly through a link sent to their email from our online learning management system
- Canadian Ministry of Justice Criminal Record Check: complete e-CRC through the Criminal Records Check Review Program
- 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 completion 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
- Statement of Purpose. Please write an essay answering the following questions:
 - What is your experience with Montessori education for 3-6 years?
 - What influenced your decision to pursue the study of Montessori education at this age level?
 - Why have you chosen the MTCBC to pursue your Montessori Teacher Training?
- Online Learning Suitability Self-Assessment completed
- Personal Interview: a personal interview will be arranged with the Course Faculty and Registrar. Once the interview and all other requirements have been completed, your application will be assessed and an offer of acceptance may be made.

TUITION SCHEDULE

ALL AMOUNTS IN CAD

The tuition fee is **\$17,850.**

Additional Fees (Non-refundable): **\$1,625**

- \$250 Domestic Student Application Fee (\$350 International Student Fee)
- \$50 AMI Student Membership (2026)
- \$50 AMI Student Membership (2027)
- \$25 Archive Fee
- \$1000 Materials Fee
- \$250 Examination Fee

Tuition and Additional Fees payable as follows:

- **\$250 Domestic Student Application Fee (\$350 International Student Fee) - with application**
- **\$1500 Deposit due upon acceptance**
- **\$1344.00 in 12 payments on the 1st of each month: March 2026 to February 2027**
- **\$1347.00 on March 1, 2027**

Final payment due June 1, 2027: \$250 Examination fee

Additional course expenses may include \$1000 to \$1500 for books, supplies and hand-made materials.

Payable by cheque or money order to: "Montessori Training Centre of B.C."

and Interac e-Transfer to: transfer@mtcbc-ami.org

*** Please contact us if you wish to make payment by wire transfer, Ali Pay or WeChat Pay

PLEASE NOTE: THE MTCBC RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE COURSE IF THE MINIMUM ENROLLMENT IS NOT MET BY APRIL 1, 2026.

*Thank you for your interest! We look forward to welcoming you to the
MTCBC AMI Primary Diploma Course!*

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