



MONTESSORI TRAINING CENTRE OF BC

## MONTESSORI 3-6 ORIENTATION COURSE



*"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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## 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).

## Duration of the Course Programme:

Sixty hours at the Centre and nine additional hours of observation— either immediately after the course or parallel to the course. Specific topics to focus on will be given for observation.

## Course Structure:

### Winter 2026 3-6 Orientation Course -

**In-Person at the MTCBC Vancouver, Saturdays, 9:00- 4:30**

**February 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11, 18 and a classroom observation on April 7**

**\*Attendance on February 14 & April 7 are mandatory in order to complete the course**

#### Observation:

- Scheduled classroom observation of children aged 3-6 years
- In-class observation exercises
- Observation hours will be offered within the course schedule
- Specific topics will be given for observation assignments.

## Requirements to receive an AMI Orientation Certificate

- Attentive engagement and active participation throughout the course.
- Album and Materials completed and approved.
- A minimum of 90% attendance is required for certification, including mandatory attendance on February 14 & April 7, 2026.
- Cellphone use allowed only during breaks!
- Sixty (60) hours to include:
  - Presentation of course content
  - In-class discussions and activities, including discussions based on required readings
  - Supplementary: self-guided learning activities and assigned readings with interactive assignments
- Nine (9) hours of observation of 3–6-year-old children in AMI Montessori 3–6 environments, or as determined by the Trainer



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## Entrance Requirements:

- Program requirement: 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).

## Required Readings:

- 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. \$48.00 CAD), separate from the Material fees. Available for purchase from the MTCBC or can be purchased from other retailers.

*Limited copies available for purchase at the MTCBC.*

## 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
- ❖ Art and Music

## Certification Awarded:

- **AMI Orientation Certificate (Internationally recognized)**
- **Eligible for Early Childhood Educator Assistant Certificate (ECEA) from ECE Registry of B.C.**

## Note:

Course work will consist of lectures, the reading of selected Montessori passages, discussion, practical aspects for implementation and the personalization 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.



## 3-6 Orientation Course Trainer

### AMI 3-6 Trainer

Eduardo Cuevas, Director of Training, completed his 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. He had been the Director of Training with the MTCBC from 1999-2020. Mr. Cuevas has extensive experiences 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.

## 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. 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 and if the course has not started.)	\$1000.00
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<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)

**REGISTRATION:** please register online at <https://forms.gle/RGyr8aVTW6jihQP36>

### **PAYMENTS:**

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

Or by cheque written to "Montessori Training Centre of BC" mailed to or dropped off at:

MTCBC

1410 Nanton Ave., Vancouver BC V6H 2E2 (Payment must be received prior to the start date of the course.)

For international wire transfers, please contact us at: [admissions@mtcbc-ami.org](mailto:admissions@mtcbc-ami.org)

Application Fee is due with Application Form in order for us to process your application. Tuition fees are due immediately upon acceptance to the course. Sufficient registration is required by **February 9, 2026**, to ensure the course is offered. For information on tuition and fee refunds, please refer to our Tuition and Fee Refund Policy as provided on the Student Enrolment Contract.