Montessori Training Centre of British Columbia

A.M.I. Orientation Course (6-12)
COURSE CATALOGUE 2027



Offered Online through the MTCBC

For general inquiries, call: 604-261-0864 or
E-mail: info@mtcbc-ami.org

To register:

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Course Objectives:

The Orientation Course is an introduction to the developmental characteristics and needs of children between 6 and 12 years of age. It provides valuable information for parents, caregivers, school staff or any individual seeking general knowledge about Montessori developmental theory and education.

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

The course supports the following objectives:

- To learn how to observe the elementary child
- To learn how to interact with the elementary aged child
- To gain knowledge of Montessori philosophy on education for children aged 6-12 years
- To understand the importance of prepared environment: indoor and outdoor
- To support social, moral and intellectual development of elementary children
- To explore how an adult can best support optimal development for this age group in any environment, and to identify and remove obstacles to optimal development.

Duration of the Course Programme:

- Sixty hours of course lectures and coursework completed synchronously and asynchronously online; nine additional hours of observation in a Montessori Elementary classroom.

Course Structure:

Online Synchronous Sessions: Thirty-three hours of seminars, discussions, lectures, observation exercises, and group activities held online from January 13–March 3, 2027 (Jan 13, 16, 20, 30 Feb 3, 17, 24, 20, 27, Mar 3)

- **Wednesday, January 13**: 6:00 pm–8:00 pm Pacific Time (2-hour session).
- **Saturdays, Jan 16,30,Feb 20,27**: 9:00 am–1:00 pm Pacific Time (4-hour sessions).
- **Wednesdays, Jan 20, Feb 3, 17,24,Mar 3**: 6:00 pm–9:00 pm Pacific Time (3-hour sessions).

Asynchronous Sessions: Twenty-seven hours of videos, readings and assignments on Wednesdays and Saturdays according to the course schedule from January 13– March 3, 2027.

Observation: 9 hours of observation arranged independently by the student in a Montessori Elementary Classroom.

Required Reading:

Selected reading from the following books will be assigned during the course:

- To Educate the Human Potential
- From Childhood to Adolescence
- The Formation of Man
- Education and Peace

All reading materials used in the course will be furnished through our learning management system. Books are available for sale (optional) from the MTCBC office.

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The Course Programme:	• Introduction to Montessori - Historical Perspective • Understanding the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) • Fundamental Human Needs and Tendencies • Overview of Montessori's theory of human development • Needs and Characteristics of children between 6 and 12 years • Social and Moral Development of elementary age children • Cosmic Education • Freedom and Responsibility • Going out with elementary children • Prepared environment • The Role of the Adult and Observation • Montessori as 'Aid to Life'
Observation:	• 9 hours of observation parallel to the course. Observations to be completed either in a Montessori elementary classroom or in a playground or park where children are free to move around. 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. • Submission of observation notes and assignment by a date set by the course director. • A minimum of 90% of synchronous attendance is required for certification and 100% asynchronous & 9 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 $1050 (refundable if unable to attend and 10 business days' notice is given) • Student Enrolment Contract
Certification Awarded:	• AMI Elementary Orientation Certificate (internationally recognized)

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Elementary Orientation Course Trainer



Terrence (Terry) Millie M.Ed., AMI 3 – 6, 6 – 12 AMI 6-12 Trainer Terry believes that together, we do more than educate; we nurture human potential. He works to inspire others to explore their lived experiences, sparking reflection and learning. Terry holds AMI Montessori 3-6 and 6-12 diplomas and a Masters of Education from Vancouver Island University with designation in Montessori Leadership. Terry has classroom experience in the Young Child's Community, Children's House, Lower Elementary, Upper Elementary, and Adolescent environments. Through his work, he is also committed to a personal journey of lifelong learning. He is an AMI Trainer, examiner, speaker, and presenter who has served on the board of the Canadian Association of Montessori Teachers. His goal is to use our collective experience and knowledge to tell the story of the 6-to-12-year-old child and to highlight the Montessori approach as an "aid to life."

Tuition Fees in Canadian Dollars

Application Fee: (Non-refundable, paid upon application)	$250.00
Tuition Fee:	$1000.00
Online Learning Management System Fee:	$50.00
TOTAL: Payable in full with Registration	$ **1,300.00**

- Payable by cash, money order, wire transfer or *Interac* e-Transfer to: transfer@mtcbc-ami.org
  Or cheque written out to **Montessori Training Centre of B.C.**
  (Sorry, we do not accept Credit Cards at this time.)

The application fee os $250 is due upon registration in order to reserve your space on the course. Upon acceptance to the course, the balance of $1050 is due to confirm enrolment into the course.

1. Students who wish to withdraw from the program must notify the Training Centre by email (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 **December 10, 2026,** to ensure the course is offered. Thank you!

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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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