

MONTESSORI PROGRAM FOR AGES 3–6+

In order to serve the growing need for Montessori certified teachers at the early childhood education level throughout the world, MINT offers a three-summer program leading to the internationally recognized diploma of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). The focus of the course is preparation for future work with children between the ages of 2 ½ to 6 years. The course also serves as a dynamic introduction to the laws of human development, and is therefore applicable to many fields of endeavor.

The child's great task in the foundation years from birth to 6 is one of great self-construction. Along with Piaget, Erikson and others, Dr. Montessori observed that children pass through distinctive stages in their development from birth to maturity. Using her skill as a scientist, physician, neurologist, and anthropologist, she spent many years in observation and experimentation with children from all over the world. The result was her design of appropriate materials and activities within educational environments. These environments differ as the children's needs change and grow. Environments at each stage are prepared to help the children move towards their full potential, and to prepare for the next stage of maturation.

In the Montessori prepared environment for the 3-6+ year olds, the children's physical, emotional, social and intellectual needs are met through the inclusion of mixed ages, Montessori materials, and a prepared teacher, or guide. Children are free to proceed at their own pace, and are guided in making choices from among the many learning materials. Their individuality is respected and their universal laws of development are honored. The environment becomes a cohesive social unit, as the children participate in the give and take of social life. The adult serves as a loving and nurturing link between the children and this rich learning community. The children's satisfaction, independence, confidence and joy are observable in any Montessori classroom.

COURSE OF STUDY

The program will include:

- Lectures in Montessori theory and demonstration of the use of materials in the areas of *practical life, sensorial, language, mathematics, and extensions in culture including art, music, history, geography and science.*
- Supervised practice sessions with Montessori materials.
- Required reading of selected books by Dr. Maria Montessori.
- Observation and student teaching (may be done locally or in your home city, in a classroom with an AMI certified teacher), and takes place in the interim years of the summer sessions. Some of the weeks are ½ days and some are full days. Students who are employed should make their employers aware of these requirements in both Interim years.
- Construction of your own Material and Theory Reference Books.
- Two Written Examinations and one Oral Examination given in the third summer session.

Students will attend the Institute from 9:00-4:30 Monday through Friday during the Summer and Seminar sessions. In addition, they will work on the creation of their Material Reference Books and hand made classroom materials in the evenings throughout the period of training.

FACULTY

Director of Training – Mary Raudonis Loew

Mary Raudonis Loew is an AMI Teacher Trainer, lecturer, examiner and consultant, and has over 40 years experience working with adults and children. She has conducted Primary Training Courses in Atlanta, Cleveland, and Dallas and has given numerous workshops in all areas of Montessori pedagogy and practice. Mary has attended Clarke College, Georgia State University, and has a BA degree from Goddard College in Integrated Studies specializing in psychology, creative writing and education. She has been a Primary Teacher Trainer since 1971, and also serves as the Executive Director of MINT.

She will be assisted by experienced AMI Montessori 3-6 teachers. Recognized local and national Montessori experts will serve as guest lecturers.



COURSE SCHEDULE

Summer I

June 16 – July 25, 2008

Primary Course begins

Lecture / Demonstration / Practicals

Interim Year

Observation in five AMI 3-6 classes

Winter Seminar I

Five days in 2009, dates TBA

Summer II

June 15 – July 24, 2009

Lecture / Demonstration / Practicals

Interim Year

Practice Teaching in two AMI 3-6 classes

Winter Seminar II

Five days in 2010, dates TBA

Summer III

June 14 – July 16, 2010

Lecture / Demonstration / Practicals

Written Examinations

Oral Examinations

FEES

Application fee: \$100

Non-refundable fee to accompany application

Tuition deposit: \$1,000

Due upon acceptance to secure place in class

Tuition payments: \$7,000

\$4,000 Due on first day of course Summer I

\$2,000 Due on first day of course Summer II

\$1,000 Due on first day of course Summer III

Tuition Total: \$8,000

****Note:** Payment in full on the first day of the course Summer I will result in a tuition reduction of \$500.

(Tuition deposit \$1,000 + \$6,500 on first day of class = \$7,500 Tuition Total)

****Note:** Individual payment schedules may be arranged under special circumstances.

AMI Membership fee: \$50 for each of the three summers or \$70 if address is outside of the USA

Examination fee: \$250

Due with on first day of class Summer III

Total Fees for Training Cycle: \$400

In addition, students should plan to budget \$500-\$750 for the construction of Material Reference Books and required hand made materials.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

- Complete the enclosed application. Check the Primary level where indicated.
- Notify three professional references that MINT will be contacting them for references.
- Answer the questions on separate pieces of paper to accompany application.
- Send the application to MINT with a non-refundable \$100 application fee.
- Have all college transcripts sent directly to MINT.
- Upon receipt of application, references, and transcripts, a personal interview will be scheduled or a telephone interview will be conducted when distance is too far for a personal meeting.

Upon completion and evaluation of the above, the Course Committee will notify you regarding your acceptance into the upcoming training course. Applicants will be accepted until the Course is full. A tuition deposit will be required to secure your place in the Course.

Not in the service of any political or social creed should the teacher work, but in the service of the complete human being, able to exercise in freedom a self-disciplined will and judgment, un-perverted by prejudice and undistorted by fear.

-Maria Montessori-
To Educate the Human Potential



Montessori Institute of North Texas



Primary Offerings for ages 3 – 6+

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