

The Montessori Training Center of Minnesota

The Montessori Training Center of Minnesota (MTCM) is a not-for-profit organization established to prepare adults to work with children from three to twelve years of age according to the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori. Our courses are accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), Montessori Accreditation Council For Teacher Education (MACTE) and licensed by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education (MOHE).

The Association Montessori Internationale was established in 1929 by Dr. Montessori. It is the recognized international authority on Montessori Education and standardizes studies in affiliated teacher training institutions throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and Australia.



AMI Montessori Diploma

The internationally-recognized Diploma of the Association Montessori Internationale is awarded by the Association to graduates of recognized training courses. These courses must meet rigorous standards, both in content and teaching staff.

Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree in any field of study is preferred, however, at the discretion of the MTCM, other studies, work or life experiences may be accepted in lieu of the degree.

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AMI Montessori

Children enter the world possessing amazing powers, gifted by nature. With the adults help in preparing an environment conducive to the child's development, the child can carry out the important task of constructing his personality.

The great discovery that Maria Montessori made was that the child creates himself, revealing the person that he can become. This is the primary task of the child. Based on careful, systematic observation of children and their needs and interests at each level of development, the Montessori approach to early childhood education recognizes the tremendous developmental achievements of each child.



Employment Opportunities

Montessori teachers are in demand across the United States and around the world. Every year, teaching positions remain unfilled. Montessori careers include becoming a head teacher, administrator, consultant, teacher-trainer or the owner of a school. While MTCM can't guarantee employment, assistance is given to each graduate in their search.

Training Center Staff

Director of Training

Molly O'Shaughnessy is an AMI trainer, lecturer, consultant and national and international speaker. Since 1996, she has served as Director of Primary Training and Executive Director for MTCM, as well as Community Faculty for Metropolitan State University in Saint Paul. She earned her AMI Primary diploma from the MTCM in 1976 and holds an M.Ed. from Loyola University Maryland. She serves on the board of the AMI in Amsterdam, NAMTA (North American Montessori Teachers' Association) and is a member of the AMI Trainers Group.

Administrator

Nicole Olson serves as administrator. She earned her AMI Primary diploma from the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota in 2006. She holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota– Duluth and a Master's degree in Education from Loyola University Maryland.

Course Assistant

Lisa Drevlow serves as course assistant. She earned her AMI Primary diploma from the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota in 2002. She holds an undergraduate degree from University of Wisconsin Eau Claire and a Master's Degree in Education from Loyola University Maryland.



Admission to the Primary Course

During the initial part of the application procedure, the prospective student must send the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota, Primary Course, the following:

1. A completed application form with attachments
2. College and/or high school transcripts
3. A \$50 application fee
4. International Student Form (if applicable)

Once all of the above have been received, an interview is required.

International students: The MTCM is approved for student visa status by the United States Department of Immigration. Requirements include: Proficiency in English as determined by the MTCM and TOEFL score and financial documentation demonstrating the ability to pay tuition, course expenses and living expenses. Please request the international student form with the application materials.

Tuition and Schedule of Payments

Application Fee	\$50
Deposit	\$500
Due upon acceptance as a student	
Applied to the Primary Course tuition	
Primary Course	\$9700
Less deposit	<u>(\$500)</u>
Remaining amount due:	\$9200

\$4850 due on or before August 15, 2012
\$4350 due on or before December 15, 2012

Additional Course Expenses

Students should budget approximately \$600 for books and material making. These materials include activities for each area of the environment. They are necessary for the proper functioning of a Montessori Primary classroom and are the student's property. Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the student.

Primary Course Calendar

The Primary course is an academic year course which studies the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori.

September 5, 2012—May 31, 2013



The Montessori Training Center of Minnesota moved into its beautiful new space in the summer of 2008. This completely renovated, spacious 22,000 sq foot building houses a state-of-the-art training center for adults, Cornerstone Montessori School for children and the International Montessori Museum.

Located in East St. Paul, near 35E and 94, it boasts three acres of land, a well equipped lecture hall, fully stocked material making studio and relaxing coffee bar area. Numerous workshops and events are held throughout the year. Information nights are held each month for prospective students.

Please visit our website for pictures of our facility.
www.mtcm.org



Education for a New World

Montessori Primary Training



Earn the Internationally Recognized
AMI Primary Diploma



The Montessori Training Center
of Minnesota offers an:

**Academic Year
AMI Primary Teacher
Training Course
Beginning September 5, 2012**

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