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Teacher Education Programs

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The Infant/Toddler Program

Certification Level:

International Montessori Council Certification for teaching ages 0-3 years. (Full Certification is MACTE Accredited). Find out more information at www.macte.org and www.montessori.org

Length of Course: 18 months

Components:

- Distance learning coursework over the entire 18 months with a one week break approximately every 9 weeks and 2 week winter and summer breaks
- Single Residential Session – 120 hour session takes place over 2 ½ weeks, usually during the first summer.
- Practicum Requirement - 9 month, 400 hour practicum internship in an approved Montessori Infant or Toddler classroom or a Montessori Parent/Infant program.

Tuition and Fees:

- \$6510 Base tuition
- \$100 Application fee (non-refundable)
- \$350 Professional fees (MACTE and IMC fees)



The Early Childhood Program

Certification Level:

International Montessori Council Certification for teaching ages 3-6 years. (Full Certification is MACTE Accredited). More information at macte.org and montessori.org

Length of Course: 18 months

Components:

- Distance learning coursework over the entire 18 months with a one week break approximately every 9 weeks, and 2 week winter and summer breaks
- Single Residential Session – 120 hour session takes place over 2 ½ weeks, usually during the first summer.
- Practicum Requirement - 9 month, half-day practicum internship in an approved Montessori Early Childhood classroom.



Tuition and Fees:

- \$6510 Base tuition
- \$100 Application fee (non-refundable)
- \$350 Professional fees (MACTE and IMC fees)

The Elementary Program

Certification Level:

Choose one of the following IMC Elementary Certification Courses:

- Elementary I-II combined - Certification for teaching 6-12 year olds
- Elementary I only - Certification for teaching ages 6-9 years
- Elementary II only Certification for teaching ages 9-12 years

The combined program is MACTE accredited and the EL I and EL II standalone programs are applicants in good standing*. More information at www.macte.org and www.montessori.org

Length of Course: 18 months each level, or 24 months combined

Components:

- Distance learning coursework over the entire duration with a one week break approximately every 9 weeks and 2 week winter and summer breaks
- Single, 120 hour Residential Session for each level, or 2 Sessions totalling 200 hours if taking the combined course. A Residential Session takes place over 2 ½ weeks during the first summer and second summer.
- Practicum Requirement - 9 month internship (full school year) in a Montessori Elementary classroom at the level you are studying.

Tuition and Fees:

- \$8900 base tuition for EL I-II combined course.
- \$6510 base tuition for either EL I only or EL II only
- \$100 Application fee (non-refundable)
- \$350 Professional fees (MACTE and IMC fees)
- \$360 Early childhood overview fee for adult learners who do not have a Montessori Early Childhood/Primary Certificate from a MACTE accredited teacher education program.



The Secondary Program

Certification Level:

International Montessori Council Certification for teaching ages 12-18 years. (MACTE applicant in good standing*). More information at www.macte.org and www.montessori.org

Length of Course:

20 months

Components:

- Distance learning coursework over the entire 20 months with a one week break approximately every 9 weeks and 2 week winter and summer breaks
- Two Residential Sessions – 120 hour session takes place over 2 ½ weeks, usually during the first summer. A shorter session in the next summer totals 80 hours of class time instruction.
- Practicum Requirement - 9 month internship (full school year) in a Montessori Secondary classroom.



Tuition and Fees:

- \$8900 Base tuition
- \$100 Application fee (non-refundable)

* Applicant for Accreditation status in no way determines the outcome of the accreditation decision by MACTE.

Professional Development Programs

Whether you are a classroom assistant or an experienced master teacher, we have professional development courses for every stage in your Montessori journey. All CGMS professional development courses are conducted online using modern internet technologies. Participants will work with a cohort of adult learners and instructional guide.

Special Needs

Practical ideas and resources for working with those children who need a little something extra. Also includes school policies to address issues of children with special needs, communicating with parents, and working in partnership with specialists.

Montessori Fundamentals

This introduction to Montessori has a focus on the Early Childhood level. It's great for assistant teachers, volunteers, and substitute teachers or as a refresher for an experienced teacher. Includes key philosophical concepts, classroom roles and much more.

The Childwise Teacher

An inspirational course for Montessori teachers of all levels. Based on Dr. Paul Epstein's book, An Observer's Notebook, this course provides new tools for observation. Participants will delve deeply into observation theory and techniques with a focus on observation as the foundation of the Montessori method.

Montessori Beginnings

This course provides an introduction to supporting development during the earliest years of life. It provides information that can be useful to assistants, administrators, parents, and anyone interested in learning about how to apply Montessori philosophy, principles, and practices to caring for the youngest members of our human family.

Adventures in the Arts

One of our most popular courses, providing an entire visual arts curriculum for Montessori early childhood classrooms. Includes music with Frank Leto and presentations on the Montessori Bells.

About Us

Created in 2006 by the founders of the Montessori Foundation and the International Montessori Council, The Center for Guided Montessori Studies expands the availability of authentic training to those who either cannot or do not wish to spend a great deal of time physically at a training center. Our Online learning technology will allow you to collaborate more effectively, and review Montessori theory and practice more thoroughly and with greater repetition over time. Our Full Certificate Early Childhood program was the first program with a large distance component to receive MACTE accreditation.

Find out more at www.macte.org



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CGMS Quick Facts

Is CGMS right for me?

If you are already working at a Montessori school, we recommend you begin by speaking with your school administrator. You can tell them you are interested in the Center for Guided Montessori Studies' training program. If you are not working in a Montessori classroom, consider asking nearby schools about our program.

We offer a unique blend of distance learning with a low on-site residency requirement. CGMS uses web technology to present video lectures and curriculum offering a deep and comprehensive exploration of the Montessori approach for every level. You will complete assignments which relate directly to your classroom experience and provide opportunities for application of the course material. Regular online discussions with instructors and fellow adult learners serve to build a rich and supportive learning community and provide additional opportunities for integration of course topics. On-site visits will help strengthen your classroom skills.

Is the program going to be respected by employers?

CGMS has a strong reputation based on our commitment to quality. Our full-certificate programs are MACTE accredited and IMC recognized.

Is an internship required?

Yes, a 9 month practicum is required. You will receive both in-person and remote support during this internship.

Will I be lonely?

We don't simply provide you with Montessori curriculum albums that describe how to give lessons. In our program you study in collaboration with other adult learners in a cohort group. An Instructional Guide and a Field Consultant discuss lessons and provide feedback and advice.

Can I study at my own pace?

No. Self-study is inadequate to prepare for the complexities of the classroom. For this reason, our adult learners work in weekly modules and receive extensive feedback from our instructors as well as from other students. Adult learners may work the hours convenient for them, but they must complete assignments by their due dates.

What work would I be doing?

You will work an average of 10 to 15 hours per week, watching hundreds of hours of online videos of both material presentations and lectures. You will also read books by Dr. Montessori and other experts in child development, create materials, write essays and lesson plans and upload your practice videos to share with other adult learners. Some of your work will expand the provided curriculum albums. Many of your assignments will be done in collaboration with your fellow students under the guidance of your Instructional Guide and your internship Field Consultant. Full Certificate adult learners will also attend one or two summer residential sessions.

Now Available!



"I don't need a course... I just want your albums and videos"

Sometimes parents and assistants say they want to learn more about Montessori, but they just can't spend the time taking a course. Other times, schools have told us that our materials would help them with their own professional development.

We've listened, and now many of our most popular resources are available online at a very affordable price.

Review Montessori materials at your own pace

Interested in Special Needs or Art, but not Math? Interested in Science but not Language? Pick just what you want, for as long* as you want. Whether you need a single month to review child development materials, or could use long-term access to all of our Elementary albums and videos, CGMS has a subscription plan that is right for you.

The Montessori Library allows subscribers to choose which parts of the curriculum they are interested in across the levels of Infant/Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary, and a growing section of Spanish language material!

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