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CGMS / Lamplighters

Combined Application for Admission

2018

Information

General

This single application allows you to apply to the CGMS and Lamplighters Yeshivah Montessori teacher training program, Early Childhood Certificate (3-6 years old). This program combines CGMS' renowned Montessori certification with a Jewish course of study led by Lamplighters.

What makes this Montessori training “Jewish”?

A Jewish Montessori classroom is not simply a Montessori classroom with a few Jewish shelves or centers. A Jewish Montessori classroom is integrated in all areas in that Jewish values; the Jewish year and curriculum permeate every aspect and area of the classroom, from language to math and practical life. In this training, you will learn how to make that happen. We at Lamplighters Yeshivah understand that this is integral for Jewish Montessori educators, and we are committed to making sure that this training reflects that.

1. The **residential component** will be hosted and co-led by Lamplighters Yeshivah. We will spend two and ½ weeks this summer exploring and understanding, in a hands-on way, what an integrated Jewish Montessori program looks like. Each day will be a combination of class simulation, group reflections, expert lectures, discussions and demonstrations on specific topics such as “Approaching Practical Life Planning around the Jewish Year”, “Hebrew Language and Kriah using Montessori Methodology”, etc. Lectures will be given by both Lamplighters Yeshivah and CGMS expert educators.
2. The long distance **online component** - Jewish Montessori experts will be holding your hand along the entire journey. All of the content in the online component will always be brought back to the Jewish integration and application in your Jewish Montessori classroom, thanks to the Lamplighters instructors who will be working together with CGMS to make sure that this training is relevant to our group.
3. **The cohort** - Even as you embark on the online long distance component of the training, you will be learning in a living, breathing, and collaborative cohort of fellow Jewish Montessori teachers. You'll learn something one day, be able to apply what you learnt in your Jewish Montessori classroom the very next day, and be able to report back, collaborate and modify what you applied together with your group. It's a dynamic network of fellow educators implementing the learning materials and sharing what works. A network that will be there with you throughout the entire training and beyond.

Requirements

All candidates for admission must demonstrate a strong facility with the English language and must possess an undergraduate degree or equivalent. An Educational Portfolio may be submitted for consideration of a degree waiver. To speed processing of your application, please refer to the detailed requirements listed at <http://www.guidedstudies.com/cgms/apply>

Instructions

There are 10 pages on this application. Please be sure to complete and send at least pages six through 10 along with your application essay and letters of recommendation (see instructions below for essay and recommendations)

Your application may be submitted by email, fax, or regular mail. To mail the application send to:

CGMS
Admissions Department
4532 West Kennedy Blvd.
Suite 233
Tampa, FL 33609

You may also scan and email this application to:

admissions@guidedstudies.com
or fax it to 1(941) 827-2981.

If applications are submitted electronically then a mailed hard copy need only be submitted at the request of CGMS admissions personnel.

To check on the status of your application contact the email above call our offices Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm EST at 1-888-344-7897, or 1-443-420-1043 for those outside of North America.

Other Requirements

In addition to this application, there are several other steps for you to complete.

Essays

Depending on the program you are applying for you must complete one of the following essays.

For students applying for certification to work with children less than 13 years old, please complete the following essay. This assignment is required for those applying for the following CGMS programs: Infant/Toddler, Primary, and Elementary.

Please attach an essay of approximately 400 words describing your reasons for wanting to work with children, your personal educational philosophy, and what draws you to the Montessori approach.

For students applying to the CGMS secondary teacher certification program, please complete the following essay. This assignment is required for those working with adolescents and applying for the CGMS Secondary program.

Please attach an essay in response to these questions: (1) Who are you, and what do you that gives you happiness and joy? (2) What are your strengths? (3) Describe your personal educational philosophy and what draws you to the Montessori approach. (4) Describe a key event that brought you into adolescence and explain how that informed, or could inform, your work with them as a guide.

Please remember: submit only the essay for the level you are applying for. Essays must be typed on A4 or letter sized paper, and must be written in English

References

The CGMS Reference form may be downloaded from

<http://www.guidedstudies.com/cgms/apply/>

It must be copied and sent to three people (non-relatives) who can speak of your character and values and some or all of the following: work ethic, academic skills, and experience with children.

Application Fee

An application fee of \$100 is due at the time of the application. This may be in the form of a check, money order or you may include credit card information. Payment must be in US currency. If you are a Michigan resident then \$75 of this amount is refundable if your application is rejected. To reduce the chance of rejection, all applicants are encouraged to contact our office with any questions prior to applying.

College Transcripts

Applicants must submit one official transcript the colleges they attended. If the applicant has received a degree and attended multiple institutions, transcripts are only required from the degree awarding institution.

Educational Portfolio

Applicants who do not have a degree must submit an Educational Portfolio describing post high school educational and life experiences that have contributed to their ability to succeed in this program and a career as a Montessori educator. The Portfolio should include plans for future education, coursework completed after high school, professional development courses, life experiences, independent study, and a description of your study skills. Please request an Educational Portfolio packet from the admissions office.

Tuition Agreement

In order to process your application, the tuition agreement document must be signed and submitted. This can be downloaded from

<http://www.guidedstudies.com/cgms/apply/>

Important Information

Refund Information

Carefully read this information and make sure you agree to it. Application Fees are non-refundable. All tuition and fees (less the application fee) paid by the applicant shall be refunded if requested within 3 business days after signing a contract. All refunds shall be returned within 30 days. An application fee of not more than \$25.00 may be retained by the school if the application is denied. All tuition and fees paid by the applicant shall be refunded if requested within three business days after signing a contract with the school. All other refunds are due according to the following schedule:

Withdrawal after the Residential Session

Withdrawal after attendance at a residential session will result in responsibility for \$1500 per session attended. This will be taken into consideration when calculating refunds or balance due, along with the following policies regarding withdrawal during the distance-learning phase.

Withdrawal during the Distance Learning Phase

- Before the end of week # 2 of the distance learning phase - 90% of the base tuition will be refunded. A withdrawing student is responsible for paying 10% of the total base tuition.
- Before the end of week #8 or end of the first module of the distance learning phase, 80% of the base tuition will be refunded. A withdrawing student is responsible for paying 20% of the total base tuition.
- Before the end of the second module, 60% of the base tuition will be refunded. A withdrawing student is responsible for paying 40% of the total base tuition.
- By the end of the third module, 30% of the base tuition will be refunded. A withdrawing student is responsible for paying 70% of the total base tuition.
- By the end of the end of the fourth module, 20% of the base tuition will be refunded. A withdrawing student is responsible for paying 80% of the base total tuition.

No refunds will be made for withdrawals after the fourth module, and students making payments are still responsible for the entire tuition.

Interview

Applicants may be asked to interview using telephone or internet video conferencing technology. Applicants refusing to do so, or unable with assistance to get this technology to work, may be not be accepted at the discretion of CGMS.

Relevance

In the application there will be questions related to your experience working with children as well as questions related to your interest in their education. To whatever degree possible, please focus all answers upon the age range of children for which you wish to receive certification.

Completeness

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Start Date of Course for which you are enrolling June 5, 2017

Programs

Please check the box of the program you are applying for. Note that Full Certification is strongly recommended at all levels.

Infant/Toddler	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Certificate	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Certificate
Primary	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Certificate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Full Certificate
Elementary	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate (only with approval)	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Certificate
Secondary	<input type="checkbox"/> Associate (only with approval)	<input type="checkbox"/> Full Certificate

General Information

Applicant (Full Legal Name) _____

Preferred Name _____ Maiden Name _____

Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____ Social Security # _____
 (month / day / year) (US Citizens only)

Home

Street Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____

Zip/Postal code _____ Country _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Education (list additional colleges on separate sheet)

College, School or Training Program _____ Years Attended _____ Degree/Major/Certification _____

Work Experience

Please list relevant experience or significant responsibilities held. Begin with your current position. A resume may be attached to this application in lieu of this section.

Employer	Years Attended	Work Performed
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		

Describe any other experience you have working with children, including adolescents if applicable to the program you are applying for.

Describe your interests, hobbies, and/or talents.

Explain how you heard about and why you chose the CGMS/Lamplighters program.

Which of your personal qualities are most likely to positively contribute to your work with children?

List the name and author of two books you have read this year and describe why they were meaningful to you. If they are relevant to your work with children then explain how.

If not covered above, please explain what you know about Montessori, or experiences you have had in Montessori classrooms either as an assistant, teacher or student, including in previous Montessori courses or workshops.

Internship/ Practicum Provide the information below if you have already made arrangements for an internship/practicum site. Send later if practicum site has not yet been determined.

School _____
Head of School Name _____
Head of School Email Address _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State/Province _____

Zip/Postal code _____

Country _____

Office Phone _____

Fax _____

Age level you will be working with _____

Name of Supervising Teacher _____

Referring Person

Please enter the name of anyone who may have referred you to CGMS _____

Group

If you are part of a group of students from a particular school, district or corporation, please name this group here: _____

Agreement

I, the undersigned, do solemnly attest that all of my application information, including both above statements and those made in separate documents, are fully accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that intentionally providing false information on this application may constitute fraud, and will result in the forfeiture of any deposits or tuition paid, and termination of any awarded certificate.

Name of Candidate

Name of Witness

Candidate Signature

Witness Signature

Date

Date