**Montessori Early Childhood Credential Course**

**Year Round Schedule 2018-2019**

Beginning Date: June 2018 Ending Date: June 2020

The Early Childhood Teacher Credential Course prepares the adult learner for working with children two and one-half to six years old. The length of the Early Childhood Course is twelve months for the summer intensive schedule (when offered) and twenty- months for the year-round schedule.

**346 Academic hours and 540 Practicum hours**

The Certificate of Completion is issued for satisfactory completion of the academic phase and the practicum phase, and the American Montessori Society Early Childhood Teacher Credential.

The Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Credential Course is comprised of 346 instructional clock hours and 540 practicum hours which, when successfully completed, enables the student to be awarded the American Montessori Society Early Childhood Teacher Credential.

**The Academic Instruction includes Classes, Seminars and Workshops over the two-year period.**

* Montessori Philosophy/Theory
* Child Development/Psychology
* Observation
* Practical Life
* Sensorial
* Mathematics
* Language Arts
* Art, Music, Movement
* Physical and Life Science
* Social Studies
* Classroom Leadership
* Supervised Philosophy & Curriculum Study (required for F-1 visa students)
* Practicum 1 and 2 is Practicum Teaching under supervision.

**Academic Course Schedule**

**2018-2019**

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| **Fall Semester: 2018** |  |  |
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| **Language Arts & Philosophy**:  40 Academic contact hours  4 Units | **Saturdays 8:30-5:30**  Sept 15, 22, Oct 6, 20, 27, 2018 | **Instructor:** Rita Enright |
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| **Observation & Classroom Leadership:**  45 Academic contact hours  4 Units | **Saturdays 8:30-5:30**  Nov 10, Dec 8, Jan 19 2019, Feb 23 & March 9 | **Instructor:** Meher Van Groenou |
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| **Supervised Philosophy & Curriculum Study**  15 Hours per week  48 Academic contact hours  4.5 Units | **Mon-Fri 3 hours per day**  September 3-December 21, 2018 | **Instructor:** Classroom Mentor Teacher |
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| **Spring Semester: 2019** |  |  |
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| **Montessori Mathematics & Philosophy**  40 Academic contact hours  4 Units | **Saturdays 8:30-5:30**  March 30, 2019, April 13, 20, May11, 18 | **Instructor:** Julianna Golden |
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| **Child Development & Psychology**  40 Academic contact hours  4 Units | **Saturdays 8:30-5:30**  In conjunction with Age or Montessori or local college | **Instructor:** TBD |
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| **Supervised Philosophy & Curriculum Study**  15 Hours per week  60 Academic contact hours  6 Units | **Mon-Fri 3 hours per day**  January 6-June 7, 2019 | **Instructor:** Classroom Mentor Teacher |

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| **Summer Session: 2018** |  |  |
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| **Everyday Living Skills & Philosophy**  40 Academic contact hours  4 Units | **Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30**  June 18-22 2018 | **Instructor:** Linda Rosas |
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| **Sensory Motor Learning**  32 Academic contact hours  3.5 Units | **Mon-Fri 8:30-5:30**  June 25-28, 2018 | **Instructor:** Linda Rosas |
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| **Supervised Philosophy & Curriculum Study**  15 Hours per week  24 Academic contact hours | **Mon-Fri 3 hours per day**  July 1-August 16, 2018 | **Instructor:** Classroom Mentor Teacher |

**Practicum/Student Teaching**

**2019-2020**

The practicum/student teaching is a necessary requirement for the successful completion of the Early Childhood Teacher Credential Course.

The function of the Practicum Phase is to provide for the student a supervised teaching/learning experience and a period of observation, internalization, and further study, to bring together the theory and practice of Montessori education.

**Practicum Phase Schedule**

**540 hours of Practicum Teaching**

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| **Fall Semester: 2019** |  |  |
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| **Supervised Field Experience I**  270 Contact hours  6 Units | **Mon-Fri, 3.5 hours per day**  Sept 3, 2019-Jan 31, 2020 | **Instructor:** Classroom Mentor Teacher |
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| **Orientation to Practicum Phase** | **Thursday, 5:00-6:00**  June 27, 2019 | **Instructor:** Meher Van Groenou |
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| **Seminar 1: Child as a Learner: Child Development & Montessori philosophy; Introduction to year-long project**  8 Academic contact hours | **Saturday, 8:30-5:30**  Sept 7, 2019 | **Instructor:** Meher Van Groenou |
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| **Workshop 1& 2: Physical & Life Sciences & Social Studies**  16 Academic contact hours  2 Units | **Sat & Sun, 8:30-5:30**  Nov 9 & 10, 2019 | **Instructor:** Dilek Seren |
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| **Workshop 3: Art & Outdoors**  6 Academic contact hours | **Saturday, 8:30-3:30**  Dec 7, 2019 | **Instructor:** Dilek Seren |
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| **Workshop 4: Music & Movement**  6 Academic contact hours | **Saturday, 8:30-3:30**  Jan 12, 2020 | **Instructor:** Carmen Treffil |

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| **Spring Semester: 2020** |  |  |
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| **Supervised Field Experience II**  270 Contact hours  6 Units | **Mon-Fri, 3.5 hours per day**  Feb 2-June 5, 2020 | **Instructor:** Classroom Mentor Teacher |
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| **Seminar 2: Classroom Management, Montessori Philosophy & Year-long project**  8 Academic contact hours | **Saturday, 8:30-5:30**  Feb 1, 2020 | **Instructor:** Meher Van Groenou |
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| **Workshop 5: Sensorial & Mathematics Extensions**  6 Academic contact hours | **Saturday, 8:30-3:30**  March 7, 2020 | **Instructor:** Juliana Golden |
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| **Workshop 6: Parent-Teacher Partnership, Child, Family & Community**  2.5 Units | **Saturday, 8:30-3:30**  April 11, 2020 | **Instructor:** Marina Ramos |
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| **Workshop 7: Administration, Presentation or Year-long project**  10 Academic contact hours  1 unit | **Saturday, 8:30-3:30**  May 9, 2020 | **Instructor:** Meher Van Groenou |
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| **Seminar 3: Leadership**  **Assignments, academic year-long journal & seminar binders due**  8 Academic contact hours | **Saturday, 8:30-5:30**  June 6, 2020 | **Instructor:** Meher Van Groenou |
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| **Year-long Project Presentation & Graduation** | **Friday, 3:00-6:00**  June 19, 2020  3:00-4:00 set-up  5:00-6:00 graduation |  |