

Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies

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Dear Prospective Student from Abroad,

Thank you for your interest in the 2024-2025 Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Credentialing Program offered by the Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies.

The Credentialing Program includes lectures in Montessori philosophy, principles and lesson plans and practice with Montessori didactic materials. The workshops and Seminars during the Practicum year cover Physical and Life sciences and Social Studies, Art and Outdoors, Music and Movement, Parent Teacher Partnership and Observation and Classroom Leadership.

Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies is accredited by Montessori Accrediting Council for Education and is affiliated with American Montessori Society.

Welcome to Montessori Teacher Credentialing Program.

Sincerely,

Meher Van Groenou

Director

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Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies

Presents

Early Childhood Credentialing Program

To be completed in one year.

*Join us for a Four Week Summer Intensive
With Practicum completed during the school year.*

Our mission is to offer a program where each individual pursues growth within the limits of social responsibility, as stated by Dr. Maria Montessori Philosophy of Education.

Our Teacher Training Program offers an opportunity to verify what gifts reside inside of you for helping children in their self-learning through the intuitive quality of attention. In its presence you will experience openness to the child's heart and receive its trust in return.

Our goal is to prepare teachers with the deepest grounding in Montessori philosophy. To develop teachers who have a broader approach in the contemporary context of child development and to create teachers as scientific pedagogues who see the prepared environment as a dynamic system that follows the child.

Our graduates enjoy our small class size and individual attention as well as being able to finish the program in one year. They also appreciate our low tuition and the ability to receive academic credit through California State University-East Bay.

Classes, Practicum, Workshops and Seminars fully prepare you to be the best.

We welcome You to Join Us

www.montessori-training.com

Contact us at: montessori.ins@gmail.com

(510) 581-3729

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Application for Admission for the Early Childhood Program (2 1/2 - 6)

Date of application: _____ Email: _____

Applicant: _____
(Last name) (First name) (Middle/maiden name)

Date of birth: _____ Place of birth _____ SS# _____

Home address:

Street City State Zip

Mailing address:

Street City State Zip

Home phone: () _____ Work phone: () _____

Citizenship:

Person to notify in an emergency:

Last name First Middle

Address Home phone Work phone

Education: List high school, colleges, professional schools, and workshops attended, and have a copy of official transcripts sent to the Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies:

Institute City State Degree/Certificate Year

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

State Teaching Certificate: _____ Year: _____

Teaching Experience:

School	Position	City	State	Years
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Other Employment:

Employer	Position	City	State	Years
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1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

How did you hear about the teaching program at the Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies? _____

Anticipated practicum site: _____ Phone: () _____

Address: _____

Is this school an affiliate with the American Montessori Society? _____

Name of the supervising teacher in your class: _____

If you do not have a practicum site in mind, in what geographical locations could you Intern? _____

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Has your physical or emotional health ever interfered with the normal progress of your studies or employment? _____

Have you ever been convicted or pleaded not- contender for any violation of law other than minor traffic offense? YES _____ NO _____

If yes, what charge Dispensation Date Place

Is there anything you would like us to know about your learning style that would better enable us to assist you during the course?

Do you speak more than one language, which one(s)?

The information supplied by me on this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

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Checklist of items needed with the application:

- ___ Official copies of college transcripts from the college mailed to the Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies.
- Degree from outside USA and Foreign transcripts need to be evaluated by an agency affiliated with the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (naces.org)
- ___ Three letters of recommendation, from employers or teachers (to be sent directly to the Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies).
- ___ Applicant's personal statement, for the interest in Montessori training and career expectations.
- ___ A current photograph. ___
- -----Completed Emergency Form
- -----Completed Questionnaire
- ___ Tuition is due in full when accepted in the program.

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Questionnaire

Please answer the following questions, as fully as possible. Attach additional pages if necessary. Answers are accepted hand written or typed.

1. Why do you want to take this Montessori Teacher Training Course?

2. How and when did you hear about the Montessori Method of Education?

3. What special qualifications (attributes, etc) would you bring to the field?

4. How do you intend to use your training?

5. Where and when did you observe a Montessori Classroom? What was your impression?

6. Have you seen another type of pre-school when class was in session? What was your impression?

7. Have you read any of Dr. Montessori's books? Explain.

8. Have you had previous experience working with children? Explain.

9. Do you have reliable transportation?

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The Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Credentialing Program directs a one year course, offering an opportunity to verify and develop the gifts that reside inside each of us for helping children in their self-learning. We prepare Montessori teachers with a deep grounding in the Montessori Philosophy. We develop individuals who have a broad approach in the contemporary context of child development and educational thought. We create teachers as “scientific pedagogues” who see the classroom as a dynamic system that “follows the child” in the pursuit of intellectual and moral and social needs.

The curriculum includes lectures on the philosophy, psychology, principles and practices of Dr. Montessori. There are supervised demonstrations and practical sessions with the Montessori apparatus, observations and practice teaching as part of the training. Lectures include early childhood development, and the relationship between Montessori education and current childhood educational and social theory.

Teaching credentials are given upon completion of all requirements.

Required Reading:

The Montessori Method, Dr. Maria Montessori
The Secret of Childhood, Dr. Maria Montessori
Discovery of the Child, Dr. Maria Montessori
The Absorbent Mind, Dr. Maria Montessori
The Advanced Montessori Method, Dr. Maria Montessori
Montessori: A Modern Approach, Dr. Paula Polk Lillard
Montessori, *The Science Behind the Genius*, Angelina Stoll Lillard

Maria Montessori, Her Life and Work, E.M.Standing

Children the Challenge, Rudolf Dreikurs

Beyond Discipline, Alfie Kohn

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Student Emergency Form

Personal Information

Full Name:

Last

First

M.I.

Address:

Street Address

Apartment/Unit #

City

State

ZIP Code

Home Phone:

Alternate Phone:

Email

Birth Date:

Marital Status:

Spouse's Name:

Spouse's Employer:

Spouse's Phone:

Medical Information

Doctor's Name:

Doctor's Phone:

Blood Type:

Allergies:

Medical Condition:

Current Medications:

Additional Information:

Emergency Contact Information

Full Name:

Last

First

M.I.

Address:

Street Address

Apartment/Unit #

City

State

ZIP Code

Primary Phone:

Alternate #:

Relationship:

Student Checklist

_____ Application for Admission

_____ College or High School Transcripts and any State Certification. **Foreign students need to have their transcripts evaluated by an organization affiliated with National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (naces.org)**

_____ One personal and two professional references, to be forwarded directly to the Training Center by authors.

_____ A written paragraph about your introduction to Montessori, and why you want to take the training, what you plan to do with your training, and how you heard about the Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies.

_____ Enrollment Agreement, located in student handbook (on-site)

_____ Tuition payment

_____ A current Tuberculosis Report (submitted when you start practicum)

_____ Live scan proof of fingerprinting (submitted when you start practicum)

_____ First aid and CPR training submitted when you start practicum)

Foreign students:

_____ I-20

_____ Financial documents (bank statement, affidavit of support, bank certificate)

_____ Cost of living supporting documents (renter's agreement)

_____ Copy of passport

_____ Agreement with the Institute

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MIAS fees are listed as follow:

- Nonrefundable application fee: \$ 100
- Nonrefundable tuition submitted with application: \$ 500
- Course Cycle Tuition (in addition to deposit): \$5700

Other fees and costs:

Item description	Amount per student (in \$USD)
• AMS and MACTE fee	\$450
• Course Manuals	\$ 455
• Books and Materials	\$ 350

Foreign Students on I-20 visa have other fees and processing charges. Please ask the office.

- **Payment Schedule**

- **First Payment:** \$600 (non-refundable) when the student applies for enrollment.
- **Second Payment:** \$ 5700 tuition is due before the class starts.
- **Third Payment:** All remaining charges, AMS & MACTE fee, Manual cost, and Books' charges \$1255 are due on the first day of class.
- **Student Visa and I-20:** Students requiring student visa pay the cost of the visa processing fee. See the attached.

A payment plan may be worked out if the student needs it.

- The non-refundable amount will not be refunded. MIAS will provide invoice for all payments.
- Housing, transportation, food, and living expenses while taking classes are the responsibility of the students.

I understand the fee structure and agree to pay each payment according to the schedule:

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____
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Transfer Foreign Student Fees

MIAS fees are listed as following:

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| 1) Nonrefundable application fee : | \$ 100 |
| 2) Nonrefundable tuition submitted with application | \$ 500 |
| 3) Course Cycle Tuition (in addition to deposit): | \$5700 |
| 4) BPPE required STRF | \$15 |

Other fees and costs:

Item description	Amount per student (in \$USD)
5)AMS and MACTE fee	\$450
6) Course Manuals	\$ 455
7) Books and Materials	\$ 350
8) INS I-20 Student Visa Fee	\$ 786
9) Government Visa processing fee	\$ 900
10) Administrative Cost for foreign students:	\$ 1500
11) Mailing cost, approximately	\$ 200

❖ The cost of course manuals and books are included in the tuition listed above.

I understand the fee structure and agree to pay each payment according to the schedule

Payment Schedule

- a) **First Payment:** \$600 (non-refundable) when the student applies for enrollment.
 - b) **Second Payment:** \$3141 (non-refundable I-20), Government processing fee and AMS-MACTE fee before the visa is issued.
 - c) **Third Payment:** \$5715 tuition fee after receiving I-20, which indicates MIAS has enrolled the student.
 - d) **Fourth Payment:** The remaining fees \$ 1500.
- ❖ Housing, transportation, food, and living expenses while in the US are the responsibility of the student.

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Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Dear Prospective Student,

Your journey to becoming a Montessori teacher is on its way. We are sure you will find the classes, workshops and seminars rewarding as you discover new aspects of your growth. As a teacher our goals toward children is to help them become responsible citizens and that path starts from you as a prospective student to become responsible as well.

Here is a list of your responsibilities as a student in our training program to maintain your status as a foreign student.

1. Arrive 2 weeks before the program starts in order to get settled before your class begins (you can arrive up to 30 days in advance).
2. Please bring the original application documents that were submitted electronically to the Institute.
3. Upon arrival submit the checklist along with the required documents listed **and the tuition must be submitted from the agency in order for you to start classes.**
4. Review the student handbook (available online).
5. Review the study in the states resource website:
<https://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/>
6. As part of your studies, be prepared to observe and experience a Montessori preschool for 15 hours a week while you are studying.
7. Your curricular practical training will begin after you complete ALL of your courses, which takes *at least* one year from your start date. Since you're starting your courses in March 2017, you'll begin your practical training in September 2018. You'll finish the program in June 2019.
8. If you have not taken a child development class, you will be required to take it at your own cost as part of completing the course work.
9. Review the course schedule before you arrive (available online).