



## *Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies*

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### **2025-2026**

## **Montessori Early Childhood Credential Course**

### *Summer Intensive Class Schedule*

**Beginning Date: February 10, 2025**

**Ending Date: June 19, 2026**

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 Summer Intensive Early Childhood Course is twelve months.**

### **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. When students successful complete the requirements, they are awarded the certification of Early Childhood Teacher Credentials from American Montessori Society.

**The Academic Instruction includes Classes, Seminars, Workshops and On-line learning over the one-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.

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## Summer Intensive

### Academic Course Schedule

February 10th, 2025 - June 19, 2026

### Spring Semester:

2025

**Montessori Philosophy**  
32 Academic Hours  
3 units

*On-line course starts*  
**Feb 10, complete by**  
**March 31, 2025**

**Instructor: Dil Kapadia and**  
**Meher Van Groenou**

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### Summer Semester:

2025

**Everyday Living Skills &  
Philosophy**  
32 Academic contact hours  
3 Units

**Mon-Thurs. 8:30-5:30**  
June 16, 17, 18, 19 2025

**Instructor: Julianne Golden**

**Workshop 1: Arts and  
Outdoors**  
8 contact hours  
1 unit

**Friday, 8:30-5:00**  
June 19, 2025

**Instructor: Julianne Golden**

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**Sensory Motor Learning**  
32 Academic contact hours  
3 Units

**Mon-Thur 8:30-5:30**  
June 23,24,25,26 2025

**Instructor: Kelly Easter**

**Montessori Mathematics  
and Philosophy**  
32 Academic contact hours  
3 Units

**Mon-Thur 8:30-5:30**  
June 27, 30, July 1, 2 2025

**Instructor: Maryanna  
Heginbottom**

**Montessori Language Arts,  
Reading & Philosophy** 32  
Academic contact hours  
3 Units

**Mon-Thur 8:30-5:30**  
July 3, 7, 8, 9 2025

**Instructor: Mandi Hann**

**Orientation to Practicum  
Phase**

**Thur. 8:30-9:30**  
July 9, 2025

**Instructor: Meher Van  
Groenou**

**Child Development &  
Psychology**  
40 Academic contact hours  
4 units

**8:30-5:30**  
In conjunction with  
local college

**Instructor: Transferred**

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### **Fall Semester:2025**

**Supervised Philosophy &  
Curriculum Study** (for I-20  
Visa holders)  
15 Hours per week  
24 Academic contact hours  
2units

**Mon-Fri 3 hours per day**  
July to September 2025

**Instructor:** Classroom Mentor  
Teacher

**Supervised Philosophy &  
Curriculum Study** (for I-20  
Visa-holders, unless the  
student starts Practicum.)  
15 Hours per week  
150 Academic contact hours  
9 Units

**Mon-Fri 3 hours per day**  
September 2025-July 2026

**Instructor:** Classroom Mentor  
Teacher

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## *Practicum/Student Teaching*

**2025-2026**

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**

### **Fall Semester: 2025**

**Supervised Field Experience I**  
270 Contact hours  
6 Units

**Mon-Fri, 3.5 hours/ day**  
Sept 2025-Dec. 2025

**Instructor:** Classroom Mentor  
Teacher

**Observation & Classroom  
Leadership:**  
45 Academic contact hours  
4 Units  
(Total)

**Sats 8:30am-4:00pm**  
Sept 6 2025(IR)  
Sept 13 2025 (DE)  
Sept 20 2025 (DE)  
Sept 27 2025 (IR)

**Instructor:** Dil Kapadia &  
Meher Van Groenou

**Seminar 1: Child as a  
Learner: Child  
Development & Montessori  
philosophy; Introduction to  
year-long project**  
32 Academic contact  
hours  
3 Units (Total)

**Sat, 8:30-4:00**  
Oct 18, 2025

**Instructor:** Meher Van  
Groenou



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**Workshop 2: Music  
and Movement  
8 contact hours  
1 unit**

**Friday, 8:30-5:30**  
Nov 1, 2025

**Instructor: Irene Baker**

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## **Spring Semester: 2026**

**Supervised Field Experience  
II**  
270 Contact hours  
6 Units

**Mon-Fri, 3.5 hours /day**  
January -July, 2026

**Instructor:** Classroom Mentor  
Teacher

**Workshop 3/4:Physical & Life  
Sciences & Social Studies**  
25 Academic contact hours  
2.5 Units

**Sat, Sun Mon 8:30-5:30**  
Jan 17, 18, 19, 2026

**Instructor:** TBD

**Seminar 2/3: Classroom  
Management, Montessori  
Philosophy & Year-long  
project**  
32 Academic contact hours  
3 Units (Total)  
File Completion

**Saturday, 8:30-4:00**  
Feb 7, 2026

**Instructor:** Meher Van  
Groenou

**Workshop 5: Parent-Teacher  
Partnership, Child, Family &  
Community**  
2.5 Units

**Saturday, 8:30-4:00**  
March 21, 2026

**Instructor:** Martha Sanchez

**Workshop 6: Administration,  
Presentation of Year-long  
project;**  
6 Academic contact hours  
2 units

**Saturday, 8:30-4:00**  
May 9, 2026

**Instructor:** Meher Van  
Groenou

**Seminar 4: Leadership  
Assignments, academic year-long  
journal & seminar binders due**  
32 Academic contact hours  
3 Units (Total)

**Saturday, 8:30-4:00**  
June 6, 2026

**Instructor:** Meher Van  
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**Year-long Project  
Presentation & Graduation**

**Friday, 3:00-6:00**

June 19, 2026

3:00-4:00 set-up

5:00-6:00 graduation

Present: Graduating students,  
All Instructors, guests  
Current cohort

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