



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, 12, 19, 26 2025

Instructor: Mandi Hann

**Orientation to Practicum
Phase**

Thur. 8:30-9:30
July 3, 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
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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: Katie McDonnell-
Manson & 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
Groenou



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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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