



Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies

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2026-2027

Montessori Early Childhood Credential Course

Summer Intensive Class Schedule

Beginning Date: February 9, 2026

Ending Date: June 18, 2027

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 successfully 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 9th, 2026 - June 18, 2027

Spring Semester: **2026**

Montessori Philosophy
32 Academic Hours
3 units

On-line course starts
Feb 9, complete by
March 29, 2026

Instructor: Dil Kapadia and
Meher Van Groenou

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Summer Semester: **2026**

Summer Intensive

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

Sat 8:30-5:30
Apr. 18, 25, May 2, 9 2026

Instructor: Julianne Golden

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

TBD, 8:30-5:00

Instructor: Julianne Golden



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Sensory Motor Learning
32 Academic contact hours
3 Units

Sat-Tue 8:30-5:30
June 13, 14, 15, 16 2026

Instructor: Kelly Easter

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

Wed-Sat 8:30-5:30
June 17, 18, 19, 20 2026

Instructor: Kelly Easter

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

Sat June 27 8:30-5:30
Fri July 3
Sat July 11, 18 2026

Instructor: Mandi Hann

**Orientation to Practicum
Phase**

Fri 8:30-9:30
July 3, 2026

**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:2026

**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 2026

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 2026-July 2027

Instructor: Classroom Mentor
Teacher



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Practicum/Student Teaching

2026-2027

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: 2026

Supervised Field Experience I
270 Contact hours
6 Units

Mon-Fri, 3.5 hours/ day
Sept 2026-Dec. 2026

Instructor: Classroom Mentor
Teacher

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

Sats 8:30am-4:00pm
Sept 5 2026(IR)
Sept 12 2026 (DE)
Sept 19 2026 (DE)
Sept 26 2026 (IR)

Instructor: Dil Kapadia

**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 17, 2026

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

Fri, 8:30-5:30
Nov 7, 2026

Instructor: Irene Baker



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Spring Semester: 2027

Supervised Field Experience II

270 Contact hours
6 Units

Mon-Fri, 3.5 hours /day
January -July, 2027

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 16, 17, 18, 2027

Instructor: Katie McDonnell-
Manson & TBD

Seminar 2: Classroom Management, Montessori Philosophy & Year-long project

Sat, 8:30-4:00
Feb 6, 2027

Instructor: Meher Van
Groenou

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

2.5 Units

Sat, 8:30-4:00
March 13, 2027

Instructor: Martha Sanchez

Workshop 6: Administration, Presentation of Year-long project;

6 Academic contact hours
2 units

Sat, 8:30-4:00
May 8, 2027

Instructor: Meher Van
Groenou

Seminar 3: Leadership Assignments, academic year-long journal & seminar binders due

32 Academic contact hours
3 Units (Total)

Sat, 8:30-4:00
June 5, 2027

Instructor: Meher Van
Groenou



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Year-long Project Presentation & Graduation

Fri, 3:00-6:00
June 18, 2027
3:00-4:00 set-up
5:00-6:00 graduation

Present: Graduating students,
All Instructors, guests
Current cohort

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