



Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies

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2026-2027

Montessori Early Childhood Credential Course

Summer Intensive Class Schedule

Beginning Date: March 30th , 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

March 30th, 2026 - June 18, 2027

Spring Semester: **2026**

Montessori Philosophy
32 Academic Hours
3 units

On-line course starts
Mar. 30, Apr. 6,
13,20,27 May 11, 2026

Instructor: Dil Kapadia and
Meher Van Groenou

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Summer Semester: **2026**

**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



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Sensory Motor Learning

32 Academic contact hours

3 Units

Sat-Tue 8:30-5:30

June 13, 14, 16 & 17 2026

Instructor: Kelly Easter

Montessori Mathematics and Philosophy

32 Academic contact hours

3 Units

Wed-Sat 8:30-5:30

June 18, 19, 20 & 21 2026

Instructor: Kelly Easter

Montessori Language Arts, Reading & Philosophy

32 Academic contact hours

3 Units

Sat-Sun 8:30-5:30

June 27-28

Fri July 3

Sat July 11, 2026

Instructor: Ana Suan

Orientation to Practicum Phase

Sat. 11:00-12:00

July 11, 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



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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)

8:30am-4:00pm

Sat. Sept 5 2026 (IR)

Sun. Sept 13 2026 (DE)

Sat. Sept 19 2026 (DE)

Sun. 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
Groenou

Workshop 1: Music

and Movement

8 contact hours

1 unit

Sat, 8:30-4:00

Nov 14, 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 2/3: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 4: Arts/ Outdoors /Math & Sensorial Extensions 8 contact hours 1 unit

**Sat 8:30-5:30
Feb. 20th 2027**

Instructor: Julianne Golden

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

**Sat, 8:30-4:00
March 6, 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

**Sat, 8:30-4:00
May 29, 2027**

Instructor: Meher Van
Groenou

3 Units (Total)



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Year-long Project Presentation & Graduation

Fri, 2:00-6:00

June 18, 2027

2:00-4:00 set-up

4:00-6:00 graduation

Present: Graduating students,
All Instructors, guests
Current cohort