

Certificate – MACTE Accredited Program

Candidates holding a university degree from an accredited university will be able to earn a Certificate of Montessori Elementary Education. A college degree is not mandatory for acceptance to the Montessori Course. Those who have not completed their university studies will receive an Associate Certificate from CMATEP. Experience with children is an asset but not essential.

Admissions

Candidates must provide:

- A completed application form
- A résumé
- Three letters of recommendation
- A personal statement (not exceeding 350 words) expressing:
 - an interest in the Montessori Method of Education
 - what you feel that you will bring to the Montessori Community(This statement may be submitted in English or in French)
- Official university transcripts or high school transcripts as applicable
- Payment of non-refundable application fee of \$100.00
- Payment of registration fee of \$400.00
- Police Security Certificate
- English language proficiency
- Practicum site information (if you have chosen one)
- Balance of course fee is \$9000.00*. You may be eligible for post secondary education loans offered by some Canadian Banks.
- Graduates can earn credits towards a M.Ed. program at Chaminade University in Hawaii (University fees are payable by the candidate)
- You can also apply to the Chaminade University in Hawaii to do accelerated studies for the B.A. degree. On completing the Elementary Montessori Program with CMA, the candidates will receive credits for 50% of their core subjects for the B.A.

MACTE Accreditation and Affiliation fees are payable by the candidate, through CMATEP.

An interview will be arranged with the Course Director or other program representative once all the documentation has been submitted. A student is not considered registered until the admissions file is complete and the necessary fees have been paid. *Payment plan options may be discussed with course director.

Lecture Schedule

- Winter: January 14 – 25, 2008 Montessori Elementary Courses
January 28 – February 8, 2008 Directed Observations and Readings
February 11 – 15, 2008 In Class Training
February – June, Practicum and On-Line Seminars
- 1st Summer: July 3rd to August 17th, 2008 Elementary Curricula
September – June Practicum and Online Seminars
- 2nd Summer: July 6-24, 2009 Coursework, Revision & Examinations

Location

Lectures take place at our 70 Fieldrow Street location, in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K2G 2Y7. www.montessori-academy.com



Elementary



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6-12 Years**

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Montessori Education

"MY VISION OF THE FUTURE is no longer of people taking exams and proceeding on that certification from the secondary school to the university, but of individuals passing from one stage of independence to a higher, by means of their own activity, through their own effort of will, which constitutes the inner evolution of the individual."

Dr. Maria Montessori



Competencies

- Observing to understand children's natural learning styles.
- Using developmentally appropriate instructional materials.
- Designing educational environments.
- Facilitating individualized learning.
- Offering a holistic curriculum allowing for cognitive, social, emotional and physical development.
- Grouping the children by mixed ages according to their developmental stages.
- Collaborating with families to provide an integrated base for life-long learning.
- Montessori methods of education are found worldwide.

Qualifications

Certificate of Award

A Certificate of Award is conferred by the Canadian Montessori Teacher Education Program upon successful completion of the academic and practicum phases. A certificate is awarded when journals, practicum handbooks and manuals have been submitted, and fees have been paid.

Accreditation

The Canadian Montessori Academy Teacher Education Program holds accredited status for its Elementary Teacher Education Certification course from the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE).

MACTE is the premier, internationally recognized, standard-setting and accrediting body for Montessori teacher education.

Employment

Montessori Elementary Teachers are in great demand in Canada, USA and all over the world. CMATEP website publishes job opportunities.

The Program of Study

January 2008 – July 2009

The CMA Teacher Education Program leads to a Certificate in Montessori Elementary Teacher Education, qualifying you to work with children from 6 to 9 and 9 to 12 years of age – the Elementary age levels.

Course work continues during the Winter Week Seminar and a further ten weeks in the first and second summer. In addition, there will be on-line seminars in the fall, winter and spring.

The course begins with a four-week intensive in-class component. Daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. students participate in lectures, seminars, hands-on practice sessions with materials and observation sessions in the classroom. The following areas of the Montessori program are studied:

- **Philosophy**
- **Child Development/Psychology**
- **Curriculum Design**
- **Observation**
- **Management in an Elementary Class**
- **Language**
- **Mathematics**
- **Geometry**
- **Biological Sciences**
- **Physical Science**
- **History**
- **Geography**
- **Music and Movement**



The Practicum Phase

The practicum phase is a required element of the course. The year-long practicum and independent studies take place in a Montessori classroom with guidance from a certified Montessori teacher and the training program staff. It may be served in a Montessori school affiliated with the AMS (American Montessori Society), or one approved by the Course Director. This student teaching phase runs from February to June and September 2008 to June 2009. The practicum may be a paid or voluntary position depending on the needs of the school where the practicum requirement is fulfilled. While arranging the practicum site is the responsibility of the student, the Canadian Montessori Academy will be of assistance.

Unique Learning Opportunity

CMATEP provides unique learning opportunities to the teacher trainees. When the teacher training is in progress there are live Montessori classes which the trainees can observe. Child Development and Montessori Philosophy and Theory touch all ages of a child from birth to early adolescence. CMA conducts Montessori classes for children from infancy (three months) to early adolescence - Middle School. Hence the trainee gets a unique opportunity to:

- Observe and learn from children of all ages.
- Observe the differences in the Montessori teaching methods at the infant, toddler, primary, elementary, senior elementary and middle school levels.
- Observe the children using English, French and Spanish in their daily curriculum.
- Observe the work of and interact with other Montessori teacher trainees
- Meet and interact with a large number of highly qualified Montessori academic faculty teaching at the three levels of certification.
- Receive own e-mail addresses and protected internet space to post personalized assignments and obtain teacher feedback.