

Admissions

Candidates holding a university degree from an accredited university will be able to earn a Montessori Infant/Toddler Certificate. A college degree is not mandatory for acceptance to the Montessori course. Experience with children is an asset but not essential.

Candidates must provide:

- Completed application form.
- Résumé
- Three letters of recommendation.
- 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 \$100.00
- Payment of Registration Fee of \$400.00
- Balance of course fee is \$5000.00
- Police Security Certificate
- English language proficiency
- Practicum site information (if you have chosen one)

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.

Lecture Schedule

The first portion of the Infant/Toddler course begins with four weeks of in-class training, covering such topics as Introduction to Infant and Toddler Theory and Philosophy. Child Development and other Infant/Toddler content is presented in the summer

Winter:	January 14 – 25, 2008 Montessori Infant/Toddler Courses January 8 –February 8, 2008 Directed Observations and Readings February – June, Practicum
1 st Summer:	July 3 rd to July 25 th , 2008 Balance Infant/Toddler Curricula September – December Practicum
2 nd Winter:	January 3-5, 2009 Revision & Examinations

Location

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



Infant & Toddler



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Infant/Toddler
Teacher Education Program
Infancy – 3 Years

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Montessori Education

"THE PHILOSOPHER IN THE PRAM. It is not only the toddler that is an explorer. The child is a philosopher before he can talk, an explorer before he can walk. Look at that baby in its pram outside a shop and you will see that it, too, is busy doing a bit of research on its own. "

Dr. Maria Montessori – Views of Infants and Toddlers



- Montessori methods of education are found worldwide.

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.

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.

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.
- Observe and experience a Montessori Infant/Toddler environment and program which is the first ever Montessori Infant/Toddler program offered in Canada.

The Program of Study

This CMA Teacher Education Program leads to a Certificate in Montessori Infant/Toddler Teacher Education, qualifying you to work with children from Infancy through to 36 months.

The course begins with an initial 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
- Classroom Management
- Observation
- Practical Life
- Language Development/Liberal Arts
- Sensorial
- Environmental Design
- Cultural Studies
- Family Growth and Community Development
- Art
- Music
- Sensory Motor Development



Course work continues during the summer and the final week in January 2009 is for revision and examination.

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 to December. It 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.

Employment

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