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MONTESSORI**

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**Teacher  
Education  
Diploma Course**

**(Ages 2 ½ - 6 years)**

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**Maria Montessori**

*Dr. Maria Montessori, born in 1870, was the first woman in Italy to receive a medical degree. She worked in the fields of psychiatry, education and Anthropology, never publishing a theory until she had observed it, with children of all classes and in many countries, for years.*

*She believed that each child is born with a unique potential to be revealed, rather than as a "blank slate" waiting to be written upon. Her main contributions to the work of those of us raising and educating children are in these areas: (1) Learning to prepare the most natural and life supporting environment for the child, (2) Observing the child living freely in this environment, and (3) Continually adapting the environment in order that he may fulfill his greatest potential, physically, mentally, emotionally, spiritually.*

*Today Montessori teacher training centers and schools exist on all continents. The Montessori Method is dynamic in that observation and meeting the needs of each child is continual and specific. The discoveries of Maria Montessori are valuable for anyone living and working with children in any situation. There have been Montessori birth attendants and Assistants to Infancy in Europe since 1947. There are Montessori classes for children up to age eighteen within public and private schools. Many parents are using Dr. Montessori's discoveries to raise their children at home.*

*Those interested in this teacher training course should call the Program Director at*

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*Scientific observation has established that education is not what the teacher gives, education is a natural process spontaneously carried out by the human individual, and is acquired not by listening to words but by the personal experiences upon the environment. The task of the teacher is one of preparing a series of motives of cultural activity, spread over a specially prepared environment, and then refraining from obsessive interference. Human teachers can only help the great work that is being done, as servants help the master. Doing so, they will be witnesses to the unfolding of the human soul and to the rising of a New Man who will not be a victim of events, but will have the clarity of vision to direct and shape the future of human society. Maria Montessori*

**MONTESSORI TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE (M.T.T.I.)** offers a complete, in-residence teacher training program in the Montessori Method of Education. M.T.T.I. promotes and maintains the highest standards and interpretations of the Montessori Method of Education, and yet remains open to the most advanced research and innovations being made in the field of philosophy, psychology and educational theory today!!

*M.T.T.I. is committed to the concept of integral education. We believe that our teachers must be prepared to facilitate the physical, intellectual, emotional, psychic and spiritual development of the child. The focus of the training institute is the child, and our commitment is to the care and education of the children through the preparation of well trained, responsible, sensitive and pro-fessional Montessori teachers.*

*We are looking for adults who are deeply committed to the care and study of the young child, to be trained in the method that facilitate and nurture the child's optimum development.*

*M.T.T.I. is affiliated to I.A.P.M. The diploma awarded by I.A.P.M. to our graduates is recognized internationally. The International Association of Progressive Montessori (I.A.P.M.) was established in London in 1962, by Angela Martin. It is a founding member of M.A.C.T.E. (Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education), which is the international organization that accredits Montessori teacher education courses worldwide. [www.montessori-iapm.org](http://www.montessori-iapm.org) This institution is a private institution licensed to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. License to operate means the institution is compliant with the minimum standards contained in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. [www.bppe.ca.gov](http://www.bppe.ca.gov)*

**Ann Balasuriya**, is the founder of M.T.T.I. She holds A.M.I. and I.A.P.M. Diplomas and has more than thirty years experience teaching, administrating, establishing schools and training centers, working with teachers, parents and community agencies. Ann served as a member of the board of directors and the commission on accreditation for the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (M.A.C.T.E.) for twelve years. She is presently focused on the training of teachers and trainers. She also offers services as an independent consultant.

*The academic phase (300 hours) course work includes Stages of Childhood Growth and Development, Montessori Philosophy, Theory and Methodology, Motor Development and Control of Movement through the Exercises of Practical Life, Sensorial Foundation for Intellectual Life, The Acquisition of Language and Literacy Skills through a Structured Sequence of Activities, The Preparation of the Mathematical Mind, The Cultural Curriculum, Observation Techniques, Classroom Management, Parent Education and Administrative Requirements. Four textbooks and all methodology notes will be given to students.*

#### **THE PRACTICUM**

*A one-year (540 hours) practicum at an approved Montessori school is a necessary requirement for the successful completion of the Montessori teacher training.*

#### **EXAMINATIONS**

*A written exam and a practical exam will be given at the end of the course. This Final Exam will be based on knowledge of Montessori materials, theory and philosophy of the Method.*

#### **E.C.E. UNITS**

*Students shall receive 30 E.C.E. Units from the Institute which is approved by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.*

#### **DIPLOMA**

*A Montessori Teacher's Diploma will be awarded (for the ages 2 ½ - 6 years) by the International Association of Progressive Montessori to students who successfully complete all phases of the Montessori Teacher Training program. This includes the following:*

- **Development and Maintenance of curriculum manuals**
- **Five written papers on Montessori theory & philosophy**
- **Student made materials for language and cultural subjects**
- **Presenting materials during practice sessions**
- **Preparation & presentation of an original lesson**
- **Ten observation reports**
- **Oral, practical and written examinations**
- **One year practicum**

#### **REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION**

*Applicants are required to have graduated high school and have a good general education. A B.A. degree is desired, but not required. Passing the entrance exam, two letters of recommendation concerning the applicant's character and ability to complete the course are required. A Criminal Record Clearance will be required before placement in a practicum site.*

*The course is nonsectarian and admits all students and staff regardless of race, color, sex, or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students in a school. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, nationality, age, or ethnic origin in the administration of our educational policies and admissions policies.*