

The Montessori Training Center of Minnesota

The Montessori Training Center of Minnesota is a not-for-profit organization established to prepare adults to work with children from three to twelve years of age according to the principles of Dr. Maria Montessori. From our state-of-the-art, newly remodeled location, our courses are accredited by the Association Montessori Internationale and licensed by the State of Minnesota.



The AMI Montessori Diploma

The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) was established in 1929 by Dr. Montessori and is the recognized international authority on Montessori Education. AMI standardizes studies in affiliated teacher training institutions throughout Europe, Asia, Africa, North America and Australia. The AMI Elementary Diploma is awarded by the Association to graduates of recognized training courses. These courses must meet rigorous standards, both in content and teaching staff.

Admission Requirements

Applicants must hold a Bachelor's Degree. For those applicants not holding an AMI Primary Diploma, successful completion of the Foundation Course is required. See reverse side for more information.

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AMI Montessori

The AMI Montessori Elementary Course offers an approach to the education of children from six to twelve years of age that allows for the full development of essential human attributes. Such attributes include responsibility, independent thought, critical thinking, and articulate expression. Simultaneously, the Montessori approach offers elementary children the keys to understanding the elements of the universe. The children are immersed in the fundamentals of geography, biology, history, mathematics, geometry, language, art, and music. With the acquisition of these abilities and knowledge, the children are enabled to view themselves as members of a larger society with the task of determining their own personal contribution to the greater good of all.



Employment Opportunities

Every year there are more Elementary Montessori teaching positions for AMI-trained teachers than there are candidates. The MTCM maintains a list of opportunities available to graduates.

The Teacher-Training Staff

Director of Training

Alison Awes holds AMI diplomas for Primary and Elementary levels, a B.A. in Art History from Smith College, a M.A. in Latin American Studies from Tulane University, and a M.Ed. in Montessori Education from Loyola College in Maryland. She was a Montessori child and has taught for seven years in six-to-nine and nine-to-twelve classrooms. She has served on the board of Montessori schools and other organizations, including the AMI Elementary Alumni Association. Ms. Awes has lectured on AMI training courses at the Montessori Institute of Milwaukee and at the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota.



Guest Lecturers

Phyllis Pottish-Lewis holds a Bachelor's Degree in Zoology from the University of California at Los Angeles and a Master's Degree in Education from Loyola College in Maryland. She received the AMI Primary Diploma from the Montessori Institute of Los Angeles in 1971 and the AMI Elementary Diploma from the Washington Montessori Institute in 1977. She has taught at the Primary level and, since 1977 until the present, has been teaching at the Elementary level. Ms. Pottish-Lewis began lecturing on AMI Elementary courses in 1980, and has been an AMI Elementary Trainer since 2000. She has been the Director of Training for two Elementary courses at MTCM and one at the Montessori Institute of San Diego. She also is an AMI Consultant and presenter at various workshops, including a number of Refresher Courses.

Diane Haldane received a Bachelor's Degree in Art History from Lake Erie College and a Master's Degree in Special Education, Learning Disabilities from the University of Virginia. She has both AMI Primary and Elementary Diplomas and fifteen years of Montessori classroom experience in both private and public schools. She is an AMI-recognized lecturer and school consultant.

Admission to the Elementary Course

During the initial part of the application procedure, the prospective student must send the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota the following:

1. A completed application form
2. College or university transcripts from all institutions of higher learning attended after high school
3. Photocopy of AMI Primary Diploma (if applicable)
4. A \$100 application fee
5. International student form (if applicable)

Once the appropriate documentation has been received, the applicant will be contacted to schedule the required interview with the director of training.

International students: The MTCM is approved for student visa status by the United States Department of Immigration. Requirements include: Proficiency in English as determined by the TOEFL score and financial documentation demonstrating the ability to pay tuition, course expenses and living expenses. Please request the international student form with the application materials.

Tuition and Schedule of Payments

Application Fee	\$100
Deposit	\$1500
Due upon acceptance as a student Applied to the Elementary Course tuition	
Foundation Course	\$1800
Due and payable on or before June 1, 2010	
Elementary Course	\$9100
Less deposit	(\$1500)
Remaining tuition due:	\$7600

\$2800 tuition plus \$150 AMI Dues
due on or before July 1, 2010

\$2400 due on or before June 1, 2011

\$2400 due on or before June 1, 2012

Additional Course Expenses

Students should budget approximately \$1,500 for books, supplies (paper, ink, albums, etc.) and material making. These materials include charts, timelines and nomenclature materials. They are necessary for the proper functioning of a Montessori elementary class and belong to the student. Housing and transportation are the responsibility of the student.

Elementary Course Calendar

The Foundation Course is an intensive five-week, six day per week, course held the first summer required for students who do not hold an AMI Primary Diploma. It is designed to give comprehensive knowledge of the Primary Course that forms the foundation of, and is related to, the work of the Elementary Course. The Elementary Course begins immediately after the Foundation Course.

Foundation Course

June 14-July 16, 2010
9 a.m.—4 p.m.

The Elementary Course is an intensive three-summer course introducing the educational philosophy of Maria Montessori. The principles presented the first summer lay the foundation for the two subsequent summers and two mid-year seminars. All sessions will be held at the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota. Class meets five days per week from 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. during the summer, with seminar hours to be determined.

First Summer, 2010

July 19—August 13, 2010

First Seminar

January 14-17, 2011

Second Summer, 2011

June 20—August 12, 2011

Second Seminar

January 13-16, 2012

Third Summer, 2012

June 25-August 18, 2012

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Three-Summer
AMI Elementary
Teacher Training Course
Beginning Summer 2010

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