

**MASTER IN MONTESSORI
EDUCATION**

PRESCHOOL (0 to 6 years old)



"The essence of Montessori education is to help children in their development and help them adapt to any conditions on their way."

Dr. Maria Montessori

INTRODUCTION

Montessori education is an internationally recognised pedagogical approach.

Current scientific research continues to validate this educational method as a set of elements that help children to holistically develop their mind, body and emotions.

The International Montessori Institute teaches the principles and educational practice of Montessori education and current scientific evidence to provide specific professional training proposals that help to improve the quality of education in schools.

At our training centre we provide the tools to allow teachers to successfully implement Montessori Education in the classroom.

The centre and its trainers

The International Montessori Institute (IMI) is a training centre for Montessori education created with the aim of offering classic, rigorous Montessori training, adapted to the current needs of the educational world.

Our team of trainers has been selected for their extensive international experience in Montessori classrooms, both private and public, and is capable of transmitting the wealth of the Montessori experience in a wide variety of social settings.

This interesting mix of trainers makes the IMI a unique Montessori meeting point and establishes an inter-Montessori dialogue that ensures consistency with the ideas of Maria Montessori.

Our goal is to ensure that students taking our training acquire all the tools necessary for the successful implementation of the Montessori method in the classroom.

General objectives

- Provide all theoretical and practical tools for implementing Montessori education in classrooms for children aged 0-6.
- Experience educational practice, positioning the child at the centre of learning and sharing with him / her the pleasure of education.
- Provide a space for critical reflection on educational practice, based on the latest scientific evidence.

Help the teacher to experience harmony and satisfaction in their daily work.



Specific training objectives

- Master the theoretical basis of Montessori education and its objectives.
- Gain an in-depth understanding of the characteristics and functioning of the prepared environment most suitable for learning.
- Master the implementation strategies of the Montessori method: know how to design a Montessori classroom in a school or any alternative prepared environment.
- Obtain an overview and interdisciplinary view of all areas of the curriculum (Practical Life, Sensorial Material, Language, Mathematics, History, Biology, Geography, Music and Arts)
- Master the curriculum of each subject and the logical sequencing of all of the activities.
- Use the Montessori materials fluently, have an in-depth understanding of their objectives and master the presentation techniques.
- Be able to establish a classroom environment that encourages learning and helps children to develop their executive functions.
- Develop the role of a Montessori teacher, relating the child to the prepared environment and helping them to develop all of their potentialities.
- Learn how observation is the basis of Montessori education and develop this skill as much as possible.
- Master the educational innovation theories and place Montessori education in this context
- Accept the importance of emotional education and master the techniques necessary to promote it.
- Know the brain's learning potentialities and the neuroscientific bases that validate Montessori education.

Application in the working world

There is currently a high demand for professionals with solid Montessori training to implement Montessori education projects all over the world.

The demand for a “different” education from families is very high, but many projects cannot be realised due to a lack of professionals with this specific training.

Our training can be applied in various professional fields such as:

- Preschool education assistants (0-3 year olds)
- Preschool educators (3-6 year olds)
- Educators specializing in special educational needs
- Psychologists and speech therapist
- Homeschool families.
- Educators at summer camps
- Other educational environments

The Montessori method can be implemented as a whole and completely or gradually introduced in traditional education environments, enriching daily educational practice.

Any environment involving children and their education is likely to be substantially enriched with this educational vision and practice.



Master's structure

Theory – Online

November 2 2016 to May 31 2017

Discover and explore the theoretical basis on which Montessori practice is based.

1st face-to-face stage –Montessori Practice I

June 26 to July 28 2017

Presentations of materials and activities in each curriculum area by the trainers.

Online follow-up block of face-to-face subjects- Online

4 weeks from January to February 2018

Online support for developing Montessori albums and personalized help sessions.

2nd face –to-face stage - Montessori Practice II

June 25 2018 to July 27 2018

Presentations of materials and activities in each curriculum area by the trainers.

Online follow-up block of face-to-face subjects – Online

4 weeks from January to February 2019

Online support for developing Montessori albums and personalized help sessions

3rd face –to-face stage - Montessori Practice III

July 1 to August 2 2019

Supervised practice with the material and final exams.

**Observation internship in
Montessori schools** (Freely
distributed during the course)



Montessori Practice – Face-to-face

- Presentation of all Montessori materials and activities by expert trainers in each Montessori area
- Gradual development of personal Montessori albums by each student, with help from the trainer.
- 5 weeks each summer in intensive morning and afternoon schedule.
- The third and final face-to-face stage also includes the final examinations for the diploma.

Montessori Theory

- Montessori theory with added information about general teaching theory and neuroscience.
- Each course is offered by a trainer specialising in various areas of study.
- Continuous assessment activities to ensure students fully understand the course content.

Observation internship

- An opportunity to experience the reality of Montessori classrooms and practice various observation techniques.

Curriculum

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Montessori Practice

- Practical Life

- Dr. Montessori offers Practical Life activities as a bridge between home and the school environment.
- These activities allow a holistic development of mind, body and emotions.
- Motor coordination, development of autonomy, adaptation to the environment and concentration skills that lay the foundation for all later learning.
- The future teachers learn to prepare and present these concepts in detail.

“The first thing to understand about Practical Life exercises is that their goal is not practical. The emphasis should not be placed on the term "practical" but "life". Their goal, like that of all other activities that are presented to the child in the prepared environment, is to help development.” – Dr. Maria Montessori

- Sensorial Material

- Dr. Montessori considered the sensorial materials authentic "keys of the universe" as they exercise what is the mind's powerhouse at this age: the senses.
 - The scientific design of sensory materials makes them a genuine development aid.
 - The students explore them in detail in order to fully utilise their potential.
- “There is nothing in the mind that was not first in the senses” - Aristotle

- Language

- Language is the main focus of community life and learning.
- Oral language plays an essential role in Montessori environments from the beginning and gradually, literacy is introduced naturally and spontaneously.
- In Montessori education the language is intertwined with all other areas of learning.

- Mathematics

- Maria Montessori incorporates Blaise Pascal's concept of the "mathematical mind" and transforms it into an educational reality.
- Specific materials that accompany the natural process of the mind towards mathematical abstraction.
- All activities and presentations necessary to provide children with a solid mathematical foundation.

“The human mind is mathematical in nature” – Blaise Pascal

- Cultural Areas

- Encourage children's curiosity about the natural and cultural world around them.
- Significant experience as the basis of scientific discovery.
- Develop a deep respect for the whole of humanity and nature.
- History, geography, biology, art and music as an interrelated whole.

"We are now concerned not so much with science as with the interests of the human race and culture, which has only one nation – the world.” – Dr. Maria Montessori

- **Observation Techniques**

- Montessori education has been developed from scientific observation of children's nature.
- The importance of training this skill on which classroom management of a Montessori prepared environment is based.

“Knowledge and progress came from accurate observation” – Dr. Maria Montessori

Learning Methodology: All areas of Montessori practice are based on the practical application of deeply personal work, thus ensuring the acquisition and understanding of all tools necessary to apply Montessori education to life and classrooms.

A learning process accompanied by continuous assessment and the creation of personal Montessori albums by each student. The Montessori albums are a classic tool of a good Montessori teacher and accompany him/her throughout his/her entire professional life.

Montessori Theory

- **Fundamentals of Montessori Pedagogy**

- **History and life of Dr. Maria Montessori:** The fascinating story of Dr. Montessori and her educational method which quickly took hold across the world.
- **Montessori philosophy:** A broad theoretical foundation rooted in the scientific observation of human nature.

- **Teaching education**

- **Didactic models:** the practical implications of the different models.
- **Processes and experiences in educational innovation:** how to enrich children's classrooms through a process of constant innovation.
- **Observation methodology:** a skill that allows you to manage a classroom effectively and ensure the children's welfare.
- **Design prepared environments:** educational spaces and their implications for learning.
- **Classroom management:** how to make classroom management support children's healthy development.
- **Emotional education at school:** healthy learning is only possible in an environment which is both physically and psychologically appropriate.

- **Educational science**

- Montessori; a scientific method: scientific research in recent decades validates the characteristic elements of Montessori education.
- Neuroscience applied to education: this new branch of science explores neural learning keys and the path to effective and healthy learning.

Requirements and admission

- Priority will be given to individuals who are connected to education. Each particular case will be examined on the basis of candidates' Curriculum Vitae and cover letter.
- University education is required in order to obtain the Montessori Master specialising in elementary education. Otherwise, a university extension certificate can be obtained.

Enrolment process

i. Application

- a. Send your complete Curriculum Vitae and a detailed cover letter
- b. Applications will be processed in strict sequential pre-enrolment order
- c. The admissions body will respond within a maximum period of 15 days and will either request supplementary information or begin the enrolment process

d. Enrolment

- e. If the application is accepted by the admissions body the student will receive the documentation necessary for completing enrolment and payment instructions.

Price and payment options

Final Price €7,650

Payment in interest-free installments

€1,900 tuition fees + 20 x €287.50 / month

Plus, a payment of €150 for exam fees, to be paid in advance.

First installment November 5, 2016, last installment June 2018

REGISTRATION

Places are limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To register, contact us by phone 972 54 89 24, or send an email to info@montessorispace.com requesting the registration form.

TUITION FEES

In order to enroll on the course, students are required to pay the tuition fees of €1900.

COOLING-OFF PERIOD

After the enrolment, the student has a 14-day cooling-off period, during which the course can be changed, cancelled or returned free of charge.



“Education from the beginning of life could truly change the present and the future of society.”

Maria Montessori

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