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ONLINE

AMI MONTESSORI ORIENTATION COURSE FOR AGES 6-12

DATES: 17 March - 9 April, 2025

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March 2025: 17,18,20,22; 25,26,27,29

April 2025: 1,2,3,7,8,9

WORKING LANGUAGES

English with translation to Italian

COURSE DESCRIPTION

The AMI Montessori 6-12 Orientation Course is designed to give an overview of the 6-12 children and is an introduction to the developmental characteristics and needs of children of this age. It supports an understanding of this developmental stage of life and the Montessori philosophy regarding children of this age.

The course format offers live online lecture presentations, discussion, reading and practical activities for a total of 60 hours.

AWARD

Successful participation in all Orientation Course Requirements leads to the award of the AMI 6-12 Orientation Course Certificate.

Association Montessori International (AMI) was founded by Maria Montessori to continue her work and keep the quality and authenticity of Montessori education worldwide. AMI certificates and diplomas are recognized and accepted worldwide.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

This course is suitable for any adult who wants to better understand the Montessori approach to elementary education, including parents, grandparents and carers; professionals working with children - teachers, student teachers, specialist teachers and school administrators.

The course is a solid starting point for the future Montessori professionals.

The course is a good foundation for new assistants in the Montessori Elementary classroom and can serve as a refresher for current assistants.

GOALS AND BENEFITS OF THE COURSE

- To acquire general knowledge of the Montessori approach to development and education
- To learn about developmental needs and characteristics of the 6-12 children
- To gain knowledge on the prepared environment in Montessori elementary
- To explore how an adult can best support the optimal development of children of this age
- To understand the general importance of observation and learn to observe.

COURSE SCHEDULE

36 hours of online lectures (Zoom platform)

- Monday 17 March: 18:00 - 21:00 Italian time
- Tuesday 18 March: 18:00 - 21:00 Italian time
- Thursday 20 March: 18:00 - 21:00 Italian time
- Saturday 22 March: 9:00 - 12:00 Italian time

- Tuesday 25 March: 18:00 - 21:00 Italian time
- Wednesday 26 March: 18:00 - 21:00 Italian time
- Thursday 27 March: 18:00 - 21:00 Italian time
- Saturday 29 March: 9:00 - 12:00 Italian time

- Tuesday 1 April: 18:00 - 20:00 Italian time
- Wednesday 2 April: 18:00 - 20:00 Italian time
- Thursday 3 April: 18:00 - 20:00 Italian time

- Monday 7 April: 18:00 - 20:00 Italian time
- Tuesday 8 April: 18:00 - 20:00 Italian time
- Wednesday 9 April: 18:00 - 20:00 Italian time

24 hours of asynchronous independent guided work (readings, videos, reflecting, preparing materials) (LMS)

- Pre-course work: 10 hours (available 15 days before the Course starts)
- 22-25 March: 3 hours
- 29 March-1 April: 5 hours
- 3-8 April: 6 hours

Outside of this course schedule, participants will undertake **9 hours of observation**. Specific instructions on how to conduct Observation will be given during the Course.

ZOOM SESSIONS and CANVAS LMS

The live lectures will be delivered via the Zoom platform.

Participants need access to a computer with speakers, a microphone, and a good internet connection.

The LMS is easy to access and use. All the required readings (with translations), assignments, videos and instructions for the independent work will be available via Canvas.

CONTENT

- María Montessori's Life and Work
- Introduction to Montessori Theory and Education
- Human Needs and Tendencies
- Work – a Vital Instinct
- Four Planes of Development
- First Plane of Development
- Second Plane of Development
- Observation Theory and Techniques
- Third and Fourth Plane of Development

- Psychodisciplines
- Acquisition of Culture and the Montessori Approach to Subject Areas in Elementary
- Use of the Imagination in the Second Plane
- Stories in Cosmic Education
- Moral and Social Development in the Second Plane
- Grace and Courtesy in Elementary Classroom
- Cosmic Education
- Prepared Environment
- Interdependencies in Cosmic Education
- The Role and Preparation of the Adult
- Going out
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Development of Independence in the Second Plane
- Education and Peace

TRAINER – Irena Mitrovic

Irena Mitrovic obtained a bachelor's degree at the University of Belgrade (Spatial Planning, Faculty of Geography) with an MSc in Environmental Sciences and Policy (Central European University). She holds an AMI 6-12 Diploma (Bergamo), an AMI 3-6 Diploma (Munich), and an Adolescent Workshop certificate (Prague). She has been involved in the Montessori education since 2009.

Irena works at the Bergamo Training Centre with Baiba Krumins Grazzini as a 6-12 auxiliary trainer.

REQUIRED READING (excerpts)

By Dr. Maria Montessori:

- From Childhood to Adolescence
- To Educate the Human Potential
- Education and Peace
- Citizen of the World
- The Formation of Man

Other readings may be included.

AMI REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

- Minimum attendance of 90%
- Submission of three short 500-word papers on topics set by the Trainer
- Observation: 9 hours of observation
- Submission of observation notes and observation report
- Submission of required independent work via Canvas LMS
- Overall satisfactory participation in the course, as evaluated by the Trainer.

Observation report and all the assignments to be submitted after the course, during the time period specified by the trainer.

FEE

Early bird (for applications by January 15th 2025): **450 €**

Regular fees (for application by February 25th 2025): **550 €**

Application deadline: February 25th 2025.