

Certificate in Montessori Studies

0-5 or 3-6 years



Holistic Education for Educators

COURSE TITLE	CERTIFICATE IN MONTESSORI STUDIES 0-5 or 3-6 YEARS						
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>The Certificate in Montessori Studies 0-5 Years offers training at a certificate level in Montessori education. It is suitable for assistants, family day care and playgroup leaders. As most childcare environments seldom have children older than 5 years, the 0-5 years focus will generally be the most appropriate.</p> <p>The Certificate in Montessori Studies 3-6 Years is suitable for those employed as teacher assistants in schools or childcare with ages 3-6 years. Ideal for those who hold a CERT III but would like the Montessori curriculum component to assist in a class or centre.</p> <p>This non-award course is appropriate for those working in early childhood environments that do not require a qualification of Diploma or above. Please note, it is not a teaching qualification.</p>						
COURSE DELIVERY	<p>The course consists of fourteen workshop days, submission of three sets of curriculum notebook pages, three assignments and completion of three online quizzes. It covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to child development • Montessori educational theory and philosophy • Curriculum studies and practice • Early childhood pedagogies and practices <p>This is a two-year course. Workshops are not offered in all states.</p> <p>The approximate study times for the various aspects of the Certificate in Montessori Studies are:</p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>▪ Course Work</td> <td style="text-align: right;">36 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td>▪ Curriculum workshops and notebooks</td> <td style="text-align: right;">164 hours</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL - 200 hours nominal</td> </tr> </table>	▪ Course Work	36 hours	▪ Curriculum workshops and notebooks	164 hours	TOTAL - 200 hours nominal	
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QUALIFICATION ENTRY	High School Graduation or equivalent						
COURSE STRUCTURE	<p>The Certificate is divided into three study sections:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environments and Sensorial Education • Language and Practical Life • Cognitive and Physical Development 						
CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING	<p>The Montessori Institute is committed to recognising previous studies and other relevant prior learning that contributes towards satisfying requirements for its courses. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is an integral part of our service and everyone is entitled to apply. Further information is on the website or contact the Enrolment Officer for further information and Application.</p> <p>An assessment fee of \$290 is to be included with your proposal for CPL. Applicants will be advised of the cost of tuition fees and further work to be completed.</p>						
FEES	<p>Please refer to schedule of fees on the Application Form.</p> <p>ENROLMENT FEE (does not include Curriculum Workshops)</p> <p>WORKSHOPS FEES are paid at time of registration (13 days in total)</p> <p><i>Note: Fees are subject to annual increments</i></p>						
ENROLMENT	<p>An application form can be downloaded from the Montessori Institute website at www.mwei.edu.au or email a request to info@mwei.edu.au</p>						

STUDY SECTIONS	DESCRIPTION	WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS 1 DAY UNLESS SPECIFIED	
ENVIRONMENTS AND SENSORIAL DEVELOPMENT	Set One Curriculum Notebook pages Assignment One – <i>Role of the Adult and Prepared Environment</i> Online Quiz One	<u>0-5 years</u> Introduction to Montessori Theory & Philosophy Creating & Enhancing Prepared Environments Sensorial 3-6 (3 days)	<u>3-6 years</u> Introduction to Montessori Theory & Philosophy Sensorial (3 days)
LANGUAGE AND PRACTICAL LIFE	Set Two Curriculum Notebook pages Assignment Two – <i>Language and the Three Period Lesson</i> Online Quiz Two	Language 0-3 years Language 3-6 years (days 2 & 3 only) Practical Life – Care of Self 0-3 years Practical Life – Care of Environment 0-3 years	Practical Life 3-6 years (3 days) Language 3-6 years (4 days)
COGNITIVE AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT	Set Three Curriculum Notebook pages Assignment Three – <i>Cognitive and Mathematical Development</i> Online Quiz Three	Gross Motor Development Fine Motor Development Indirect Preparation for Mathematics Mathematics 3-6 years (first day only)	Mathematics 3-6 years (first 3 days)

COURSE TEXTS	<p>Two basic textbooks (<i>to be purchased by the student</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Seldin, T., & Epstein, P. (2003). <i>The Montessori Way</i>. Todd Allen Print Co. Maryland. Montessori, M. (1949). <i>The Absorbent Mind</i>. Ballantine Books, New York. <p><u>Curriculum Guides</u> - the appropriate Curriculum Guides are issued on enrolment. They will need to be taken to the appropriate Workshop.</p>
OTHER READINGS	<p>Eliot, L. (2000). <i>What's Going on in There? How the brain and mind develop in the first five years of life</i>. New York: Bantam Books.</p> <p>Kearns, K. (2014). <i>Birth to big school</i>. Cengage Learning Australia</p> <p>Lillard, P. (2003). <i>Montessori from the Start</i>. New York: Schocken Books.</p> <p>Lillard, P.P. (1972). <i>Montessori: A modern approach</i>. New York: Schocken Books.</p> <p>Montanaro, S. (1991). <i>Understanding the Human Being</i>. USA: Nienhuis Montessori.</p> <p>Montessori, Maria. <i>Secret of Childhood</i>. New York, Ballantine Books (any edition)</p> <p>Articles and online databases are accessed through <i>Student Login</i>. Required texts may be purchased from the Institute online <i>Book Store</i> or borrowed at no cost from the Institute Library.</p>

Why a Montessori Institute Course?

Montessori education is growing in Australia and there is a demand for qualified Montessori educators. The Certificate in Montessori Studies 0-5 or 3-6 Years is a non-award course, appropriate for those working in early childhood environments that do not require a qualification of Diploma or above. The Graduate Diploma of Education (Montessori) and the Diploma of Early Childhood and Primary Education (Montessori) Institute courses meet national accreditation requirements (see below) and give a thorough grounding in Montessori philosophy, theory and curriculum practice.

- The only accredited Higher Education provider of Montessori qualifications in Australia
- The only Graduate Diploma of Education (Montessori) listed with AITSL for ECT & Primary teacher registration
- 3-6 Graduate Diploma and 0-3 & 3-6 Diploma are recognised by ACECQA (Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority) as Early Childhood qualifications.
- Variable enrolment dates
Study and work at the same time
- Flexible, blended study at your own pace which includes written assignments, workshops, professional experience and material making
- Written and practical examinations
- Workshops conducted regularly on the East and West Coast
- Full colour curriculum guides
- Experienced tutor to assist your study, as well as online student support
- Credit for prior learning (see website for details)

About the Institute

The Montessori Institute is accredited with TEQSA (Tertiary Education and Quality Standards Agency) as a Non-University Provider of Higher Education. Established in 1983 as a not-for-profit organisation, the Institute is based in Perth, WA and has a long history of providing quality, well recognised, Montessori qualifications nationally.



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