

# Diploma of Montessori Leadership and Practice



COURSE TITLE	Diploma of Montessori Leadership and Practice						
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>The <i>Diploma of Montessori Leadership and Practice</i> offers Heads of Schools, Directors or others in leadership positions in Montessori schools or centres, the opportunity to gain a generalist understanding of Montessori principles and practices and further develop their leadership skills. The units in this non-award Diploma have been selected to provide candidates with a broad and relevant base of knowledge for their employment or for further study.</p>						
COURSE DELIVERY	<p>The Diploma Course is studied over a period of one year to a maximum of three years. Candidates will examine the challenges of providing quality pedagogy while developing leadership capabilities relevant to the Montessori context. The Units assist candidates to acquire knowledge and understanding of the Montessori approach across the range of ages. However, for specific Montessori knowledge, candidates choose two curriculum areas to study in more depth.</p> <p>The first section of the course includes Montessori theory, leadership skills, governance and other related topics. The second section covers practical issues and Montessori curriculum.</p>						
QUALIFICATION ENTRY	<p>Teacher Registration or relevant professional experience.</p>						
COURSE STRUCTURE	<p>The Course is studied over a period of one year to a maximum of three years and is divided into:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Seven Units which includes twenty assignments</li> <li>● At least four Intensive Block Workshops (minimum of ten days)</li> </ul> <p>Approximate study times for the various aspects of the Diploma Course are:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">● Units and assignments</td> <td style="text-align: right;">400 hrs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="padding-left: 20px;">● Workshops and Observations</td> <td style="text-align: right;">160 hrs.</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL – 560 hours nominal</td> </tr> </table>	● Units and assignments	400 hrs.	● Workshops and Observations	160 hrs.	TOTAL – 560 hours nominal	
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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 Workshops)</p> <p>Montessori Institute Workshop fees are paid at time of registration (minimum 10 days).</p> <p>Minimum Governance course or workshop days sourced independently - fees will vary.</p>						
ENROLMENT	<p>An application form can be downloaded from the Montessori Institute website at <a href="http://www.mwei.edu.au">www.mwei.edu.au</a> or email a request to <a href="mailto:info@mwei.edu.au">info@mwei.edu.au</a></p>						

COURSE UNITS	UNIT DESCRIPTION	WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST 12 DAYS ALTOGETHER
ML001 Montessori Theory	Montessori theory and philosophy in comparison to other approaches 3 Assignments	<i>Introduction to Montessori Theory and Philosophy Part 1 and 2 Workshop</i>
ML002 Montessori Philosophy	Essential Montessori Principles and the role of the environment and the leader 3 Assignments	No specific workshop required -can attend choice of curriculum workshops
ML003 Governance and Leadership Issues	Current governance and leadership issue and the development of leaders 3 Assignments	<i>Governance or Leadership Workshop or Course (at least 2 days) – can be sourced from industry associations or private providers</i>
ML004 Montessori Leadership	Leadership considerations in a Montessori context 3 Assignments	No specific workshop required -can attend choice of curriculum workshops
MP005 Observation & Assessment	The importance of observation in a Montessori context and the role of assessment 3 Assignments	<i>Observation, Record Keeping and Assessment Workshop</i>
MP006 Montessori Practice	Classroom organisation and the importance of freedom and choice in Montessori environments 3 Assignments	No specific workshop required -can attend choice of curriculum workshops
MP007 Montessori Culture	In depth understanding of one curriculum area for one age group 2 Assignments (including Action Research Project)	No specific workshop required -can attend choice of curriculum workshops
Required workshop days (minimum 12 days)	Met by <u>combinations of the</u> workshops including <i>Introduction to Montessori Theory and Philosophy (2 days)</i> ; <i>Observation, Record Keeping and Assessment (1 day)</i> and governance workshops (minimum 2 days) which are compulsory (unless credit has been given). During the Course, a candidate also attends at least two Curriculum Workshops.	
Course Materials	Study Guide 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. Curriculum Guides to accompany curriculum workshops	



## Why a Montessori Institute Course?

Montessori education is growing in Australia and there is a demand for qualified Montessori educators. 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 covering 0-12 years:

- The only accredited Higher Education provider of Montessori qualifications in Australia
- 3-6 & 6-12 Graduate Diploma of Education (Montessori) is recognised by 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

## About the Institute

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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.