

# Montessori Assistants Introduction Course

For a new assistant stepping into a Montessori classroom with no training can be confusing and a little daunting. There are so many fascinating and mysterious materials that call out to be handled, and also many unspoken rules and expectations that can be challenging to grasp for the uninitiated.

A successful working partnership between the adults in a classroom can make for a more positive and productive learning environment for students, not to mention better staff retention! However lead teachers who are occupied with setting up their classroom may not have time to initiate a new assistant to all of the nebulous nuances of what makes a Montessori learning environment function smoothly.

This full-day workshop is designed for Montessori assistants who are new to Montessori classrooms at any level. Mark Powell, a veteran of 27 years in Montessori 6-12 classrooms and an experienced teacher trainer, will take you through what you need to know to support your lead teacher and your students positively for a productive new school year.



Mark Powell taught for 27 years in Montessori 6-9 and 9-12 classrooms, and was a teacher trainer with the Center for Montessori Teacher Education, New York for twelve years. Mark has a M.Ed. degree (specialising in Conflict Resolution) from Lesley University in Cambridge MA, and also a MA State teaching credential. He has published two dozen articles on Montessori education in Montessori and other education journals, and wrote a chapter in the 2008 book *A Place for Play* edited by Elizabeth Goodenough. Mark has designed and sold many classroom materials. He has delivered workshops at American Montessori Society national conferences and has consulted for dozens of Montessori schools across the U.S. and in Australia and New Zealand. He returned home to Queensland in June 2016 and taught at the 9-12 level for another four years before leaving the classroom to join Montessori Australia.

**WEDNESDAY, 19 JANUARY 2022**  
**9:00AM - 3:00PM (BRISBANE TIME)**  
**ONLINE COURSE**

**MEMBERS \$185 | NON-MEMBERS \$285\***

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