

Certificate in Montessori Studies

3-6 years



Holistic Education for Educators

COURSE TITLE	CERTIFICATE IN MONTESSORI STUDIES 3-6 YEARS						
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>The Certificate in Montessori Studies 3-6 years offers professional development in Montessori education. It is suitable for teacher assistants, family day care and playgroup leaders who already hold a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care (or an alternative Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) recognised qualification).</p> <p>The <u>Certificate in Montessori Studies 3-6 Years</u> is suitable for those employed as teacher assistants in schools or childcare centres with ages 3-6 years only.</p> <p>Please note: The Certificate course is not accredited and is not recognised by ACECQA as an early childhood qualification.</p>						
COURSE DELIVERY	<p>The course is delivered over two years. It consists of three units which in total encompass, fourteen workshop days (the majority of which are face-to-face, but some are offered online), submission of three sets of curriculum notebook pages, three assignments and the completion of three online quizzes. The units may be undertaken in any order; however, they have expiry dates and once the workshops for that unit have been attended, the assignments, including the quiz for the unit, must be completed by the expiry date. The course covers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to child development • Montessori educational theory and philosophy • Curriculum studies <p>Check the workshop calendar on the website or with the office for where and when workshops are offered.</p> <p>The approximate study times for the various aspects of the Certificate in Montessori Studies are:</p> <table> <tr> <td>▪ Course Work</td><td>36 hours</td></tr> <tr> <td>▪ Curriculum workshops and notebooks</td><td>164 hours</td></tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">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 units which are enrolled in separately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical Life and Sensorial • Environment and Language • 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.</p> <p>Applicants will be advised of the cost of tuition fees and further work to be completed.</p>						
FEES AND ENROLMENT	<p>Please refer to schedule of fees on the Application Form (Note: Fees are subject to annual increments)</p> <p>The Course Fee does not include Unit Fees. Unit fees are paid at time of enrolment in a unit.</p> <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>						

	ASSESSMENT	WORKSHOP REQUIREMENTS	
UNITS	Preliminary:	Introduction to Montessori Theory & Philosophy (Online component & one face-to-face workshop day)	
PRACTICAL LIFE AND SENSORIAL EDUCATION UNIT	Set One Curriculum Notebook pages Assignment One –The Absorbent Mind Online Quiz One		<u>3-6 years</u> Practical Life (3 days) Sensorial (3 days)
ENVIRONMENT AND LANGUAGE UNIT	Set Two Curriculum Notebook pages Assignment Two – Language and the Three Period Lesson Online Quiz Two		Language 3-6 years (4 days)
COGNITIVE AND PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT UNIT	Set Three Curriculum Notebook pages Assignment Three – Cognitive and Physical Development Online Quiz Three		Mathematics 3-6 years (4 days)
COURSE TEXTS	Two basic textbooks are available from the Montessori Institute library. 1. Seldin, T., & Epstein, P. (2003). The Montessori Way. Todd Allen Print Co. 2. Montessori, M. (1949). The Absorbent Mind. Ballantine Books. <u>Curriculum Guides</u> - the appropriate Curriculum Guides are issued on enrolment in a Unit. They will need to be taken to the appropriate Workshop.		

Why a Montessori Institute Course?

Montessori education is growing in Australia and there is a demand for qualified educators. Montessori Institute courses meet national accreditation requirements (see below) and give a thorough grounding in Montessori philosophy, theory and curriculum practice.

- Variable course enrolment dates
- Study and work at the same time
- Flexible, blended study, which includes written assignments, face to face 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).

Articles and online databases for students are accessed through *Student Login*. Required texts may be purchased from online *Book Stores* or borrowed from the Institute Library



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