

AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3 - 6 Diploma Course

Objectives

The purpose of the AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3-6 Diploma Course is to study the Montessori pedagogy and practices for the child between the ages of 3 and 6 years.

Course format

4 study modules spread over 2 years (November 2022 – July 2024)

Entry requirements

- Minimum A-level or O-level with a Teaching Training Certificate or equivalent
- A good knowledge of English
- Successful application interview

Interested candidates who do not fulfil the above-mentioned requirements, however, have substantial experience working with children, are encouraged to apply. Special cases may be considered at the discretion of AMI.

Course Outline

The AMI 3 – 6 Diploma Course consists of:

- Montessori Child Psychology and Child Development
- Montessori Educational Theory and Practice to include the role of the Montessori teacher and the preparation of the Montessori environment
- Observation and Teaching practice in approved Montessori environments

AMI Diploma 3 - 6

The AMI Diploma is an internationally recognized Diploma issued by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Course information

The AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3-6 Diploma Course is a comprehensive study of Montessori theory and practice to prepare teachers to work with children from 2½ to 6 years.

The Diploma Course consists of Montessori child philosophy and development, human development, Montessori primary materials and curriculum, the role of the teacher and the preparation of the Montessori environment. Students on the Diploma Course delve into Montessori theory that is fundamental to the role of the teacher and becomes a constant guide for the student's understanding.

Montessori Primary (2½ to 6 years) is a mixed age environment specifically designed to help children develop at their own pace, choosing their own activities from the Montessori materials which are displayed in an ordered and accessible way. Children work individually, or in groups, with hands-on activities which are designed to help them develop physically, socially and intellectually. Students on the Diploma Course will learn how to present the material and activities to the children as well as how to nurture a love of learning in the children, foster confidence in their own abilities and create a sense of social responsibility towards others and the environment in which they live.

The Course also includes Observation and Teaching Practice in approved Montessori environments. For the observation component, students spend time observing how the children interact with the teacher, one and another and as well as their environment. During teaching practice, students present materials and lessons to children under the supervision of a trained and experienced teacher.

Course Language

English

Course Calendar

November 2022 to July 2024 in 4 study modules

Module 1: Monday 7th November – Friday 16th December 2022

Module 2: Monday 5th June – Friday 14th July 2023

Module 3: Monday 6th November – Friday 15th December 2023

Module 4: Monday 3rd June – Friday 12th July 2024

Note: Observation and Teaching Practice will take place in between modules.

Course Times

Monday to Friday: 08.30 – 16.00

Saturday (fortnightly): 08.30 – 16.00

At least 400 hours of classroom-based training including lectures, a minimum of 140 hours of supervised practice with Montessori materials and 170 hours of observation and teaching practicum in Montessori settings.

Observation and Teaching Practice

The 170 hours of observation and teaching practice in recognised Montessori environments has to be completed in between the Course Modules.

Students living in Tanzania will be assisted by the Montessori Training Centre Msimbazi to organise their observation and teaching practice in pre-approved Montessori schools within the country.

International students are required to organise observation and teaching practice for themselves in their home/residence countries. Students have to find a convenient Montessori school where there is an AMI trained teacher who can supervise/guide them and contact the school to check if they can be accommodated. The school's details need to be sent to the Centre for review and approval. Full information on this process will be shared with the students after they have been accepted on the Course.

Please note that the AMI training faculty will be the deciding body if a Montessori environment fulfils the necessary quality standards to be eligible for an observation or teaching practice setting.

Required reading

By Dr. Maria Montessori

- The Absorbent Mind
- The Secret of Childhood
- The Discovery of the Child
- The 1946 London Lectures
- Creative Development in the Child
- The Four Planes of Education (AMI Pamphlet)

By Mario M. Montessori

- The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education (AMI Pamphlet)

Students will find further recommended reading books at the college library.

Qualification for Award

The AMI Diploma is awarded to students who:

- Have satisfied the 90% attendance requirements
- Are successful in the theory and practical examinations and have completed coursework to the required standard
- Have fulfilled the AMI Observation and Teaching Practice requirements

Course fees

Application fee: International students: USD 50
Tanzanian Nationals: TZS 100'000
Due when the application form is submitted.
Applications are only processed if the application fee is paid and receipt submitted with the application form.
The application fee is non-refundable.

Course fees: International students: USD 5'000
Tanzanian Nationals: TZS 10'000'000
Course fees include:

- Montessori books
- Handouts
- Exam fees

Personal expenses are **NOT** included in the Course fees such as:

- Personal stationery
- Folders, paper
- Transport, Accommodation & Food
- Student visa, if applicable

Payment methods: Bank transfers or Bank deposit. No cash or MPESA payment.

Course fees can be paid in 3 instalments.

Payments in instalments:

1. Instalment: TZS 4'000'000/ USD 2'000
due within 10 days of being accepted to the course
2. Instalment: TZS 3'000'000/ USD 1'500
due June 1st, 2023
3. Instalment: TZS 3'000'000/ USD 1'500
due November 1st, 2023

A 10% reduction on the total course fee is provided if the entire amount is received before October 31st, 2022. The reduced fee is TZS 9'000'000 / USD 4'500.

A place will be reserved for the student only after the first instalment has been paid.

About us

Montessori Training Centre Msimbazi – Dar es Salaam

Established in 1967, the Montessori Training Centre at Msimbazi is the oldest Montessori Institution in Tanzania offering National Montessori Certificate Courses since almost 50 years. The Centre is run by the congregation of The Little sisters of St. Francis of Assisi at the Diocese of Dar es Salaam and is the host centre for this course.

In collaboration with the Association Montessori Internationale, the Maria Montessori Institute in London and the Arthur Waser Foundation in Switzerland, the centre is the third AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3 - 6 Diploma Course in East Africa.

Maria Montessori Institute (MMI)

The Maria Montessori Institute, established in 1961, is a UK-based Montessori training centre affiliated to the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). Montessori teacher training courses delivered by the MMI have evolved directly from those first delivered by Dr Maria Montessori and her son Mario between 1919 and 1957. All lectures, tutorials, written assignments and course material are prepared and delivered under direct authorisation from AMI by highly qualified trainers who have all undertaken the AMI Training of Trainers programme after substantial experience working with children.

Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)

The Association Montessori Internationale is considered the leading Montessori organisation in the world. The Association is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) represented at the United Nations since 1985 and an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO since 1962.

AMI was founded by Dr Maria Montessori herself in 1929 to safeguard the integrity of her work and is recognised as the global standard bearer for quality Montessori teacher training.

Additional information on the Association's history and details of its Montessori programmes, educational projects, publications, and affiliate organisations can be found at www.montessori-ami.org.

Admission

Entry requirements

Minimal educational Level:

- A-level (Form 6)
- O-level (Form 4) with a Teaching Training Certificate (TTC)

A good knowledge of English (spoken and written)

Special cases may be considered at the discretion of AMI.

Application procedure

When a complete application is submitted at the Montessori Training Centre Msimbazi-Dar, it will be reviewed and you will be invited for an interview in person or via Zoom.

Deadline for course application

Since there are a limited amount of spaces, interested applicants are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Course application deadline: **September 1st 2022**

Application requirements

- Application Form
- Health Form
- An essay on why you wish to undertake this course
- A recent passport size photograph
- Two character references
- Copies of educational documents

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