The Montessori Primary Teacher Training Program is rooted in the traditional concepts developed by Dr. Maria Montessori and in her belief that, “there are many who hold as I do, that the most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six. For that is the time when man’s intelligence itself, his greatest implement is being formed.”

This 120-hour certification program is designed to prepare individuals for instructional positions within primary Montessori programs and schools (3-to 6-year olds).

Instruction focuses on classroom management techniques, child development, and the Montessori philosophy. The program is presented in five, 24-hour modules. The first hour of each class session will be devoted to the study of Montessori philosophy and classroom management techniques.

Modules 1 and 2 are offered in fall, modules 3, 4, and 5 in spring. Modules can be taken in any order.

**Module 1: Practical Life Exercises -- $300, 24 hours**

The first module in the Montessori Pre-Primary Teacher Training Program focuses on curriculum activities designed to prepare the child for real life experiences and to develop the child's independence and self-confidence. The individual exercises develop the child's hand-eye coordination, large and small muscle control, care of self and the environment.

**Module 2: Sensorial Exercises -- $300, 24 hours**

The second module of the Montessori Pre-Primary Teacher Training Program focuses on curriculum and exercises to introduce the young child to his five senses and assist him in developing these senses to observe and make discoveries in learning.

**Module 3: Language Exercises--$300, 24 hours**

The third modules of the Montessori Primary Teacher Training Program is centered on the language materials and exercises offer a systematical breakdown of the essential elements of reading, emphasizing the fundamentals of the phonics approach to reading. The individual exercises develop the child's vocabulary, writing and reading skills. The exercises include a variety of gross and fine motor skill activities that help the child to develop hand and eye coordination used in the formation of letters for writing.
Module 4: Math Exercises--$300, 24 hours
Instruction in the fourth module of the training program focuses on activities and exercises that introduce the child to counting, the numerical symbols, and the four basic mathematical operations. These concepts are introduced to the child through the use of concrete materials. The child obtains a visual concept of the math operations.

Module 5: Geography/Cultural--$300, 24 hours
Instruction focuses on exercises that introduce the young child to his environment and culture and then expands to other countries and cultures. This study begins with introducing the child to a series of globes, and terms such as continents and oceans, etc. The child furthers his studies with the use of puzzle maps, flags, land forms, classified nomenclature cards, and basic science concepts.

Instructor: Deborah Herrington

Deborah Herrington holds a bachelor of science in education from Abilene Christian University. She also holds a Texas teaching certificate in elementary education and music. She received Montessori training from A.M.I. and Certification through the Contemporary Montessori Education Program. For 10 years she owned and operated a Montessori school for children two years through sixth grade. She is the author of Paper Works for the Montessori Classroom and Paper Works II. In 1994 she began teaching the Montessori Teacher Training Program through North Lake and Brookhaven colleges. While teach at Brookhaven, she was nominated for Instructor of the Year. She has been working in the field of education for 25 years.

Tuition and Registration

Tuition for each module is $300. There also will be a $100 fee paid to the instructor for the written and oral exams that will be offered after you have completed all modules.

All classes meet at Collin College, Courtyard Center. 4800 Preston Park Blvd., Plano, Texas 75093

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Admission Requirements

➢ High School Diploma or Equivalency (College preferred)
Must speak and write in English
Agree to begin internship within 12 months of beginning the course work.

Training Requirements

- Satisfactory attendance to class sessions
- Prepare six reference notebooks, one for each module including an additional Montessori Philosophy and Classroom Management Reference Book. (A set of all the class notes are available at cost during the first class session of each module).
- Complete a total of five typed essays, one due at the last class session of each module.
- Create 10 handmade instructional materials to be used in a Montessori primary classroom.
- Complete an Internship in a Montessori Primary classroom (3-to-6-year-olds), under the supervision of a certified Montessori director. (At least 800 hours, more preferred).
- Keep a journal of presentations and responsibilities you were given while completing your internship. Directors and guides will be asked to fill out an evaluation form on your performance.
- Tour various schools in the area and write detailed notes of your tour and classroom observations. (Minimum of 10 hours).
- Achieve a score of 70 or above on a comprehensive written exam. Study questions and answers are given at the conclusion of each module.
- Take an oral exam, which includes presentations of two lessons from each of the five areas. It is important to be able to pronounce all of the phonetic sounds used to teach reading, therefore each student will also present to the instructor the moveable alphabet and its correct usage (score of 70 or above required on all oral presentations).

Required Reading:

- Dr. Montessori’s Own Handbook. Author: Dr. Maria Montessori
- The Montessori Method. Author: Dr. Maria Montessori
- Montessori Today. Author: Paula Polk Lillard
- Maria Montessori: Her Life and Work. Author: E.M. Standing
- The Absorbent Mind. Author: Dr. Maria Montessori

All of the individual lessons using the Montessori materials have been videotaped and may be purchased for a minimum cost. Students may not purchase a video/DVD without first attending classes for the module. Video/DVDs are for the purpose of oral exam preparation.

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