

Collin College - Continuing Education COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE INFORMATION

Course Number: CDEC1071

Course Title: Montessori 1: Practical Life Exercises

Course Description: 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. The first hour of instruction each session is devoted to the study of classroom management and the Montessori philosophy.

Suggested Course Prerequisite(s): Student must have high school diploma and be able to write and speak English fluently.

Course Resources: N/A

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Focus on activities designed to prepare child for real life experiences.
2. Develop child's independence and self-confidence.
3. Develop child's hand-eye coordination, large and small muscle control.
4. Develop child's care of self and the environment.
5. Understand classroom management and the Montessori philosophy.

Certification Notes: This is a certificate course.

Next course recommendation: Montessori 2: Sensorial Exercises

Refund Policy: Please refer to www.collin.edu/ce/infoRegistrar.html for our refund policy. No refunds after the start time of the first class.

Americans with Disabilities Act: Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-D140 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

Course Sessions: Listed are guidelines to indicate all topics that will be covered during your course. Do not plan your personal calendar based on these sessions. Your instructor will give you a calendar for your class that will indicate specific topics, assignments, and days.

Lesson Plan – by week or session:

Session 1: Classroom management and philosophy.

Session 2: Montessori teacher roles and responsibilities.

Present the characteristics of the individual lessons.
Classroom rules and procedures.

Session 3: Discuss handouts: Montessori teacher job descriptions, time managements, etc.

Session 4: Show Nienhuis Montessori video.

Testing and evaluation of students.

Parent/teacher conference forms.

Circle time with all students.

Session 5: Circle time activities.

Individual classroom presentations of Montessori materials.

Session 6: Lesson plan forms.

Craft time activity.

Classroom mechanics II.

Method of Evaluation: Unless otherwise stated, course completion is evaluated on the basis of attendance. Students must be in attendance 90% of each course in a certificate series for successful completion and to earn a certificate as specified.