



AMI MONTESSORI ASSISTANTS CERTIFICATE EARLY CHILDHOOD 3-6

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Course Brochure

Course	<p>The AMI Montessori Assistants Certificate Early Childhood 3-6 course gives an introduction to Montessori pedagogy and training for the role of assistant in a Montessori early childhood centre or preschool classroom.</p> <p>The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) is the international body established by Dr Maria Montessori. AMI accredits training centres around the world to run its Certificate and Diploma level courses which are internationally recognised for their high standard and authenticity. The training is essentially the same in each centre. Training centres accredited by AMI remain under the constant supervision of AMI, and are staffed by AMI Teacher Trainers.</p>
Delivery	<p>60 hours of classroom based training plus 9 hours of observations. See the Course Schedule for locations and dates.</p> <p>The qualification is awarded upon completion of course units and submission of three papers (500 words each).</p> <p>A minimum of 90% attendance is required.</p> <p>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is not applicable for this course</p>
Course Fees	<p>\$200 Application Fee \$1,200 Tuition Fee</p> <p>The application fee must be sent with the Application Form for enrolment</p> <p>The tuition fee is due in full prior to the start of the course.</p>
Entry Requirement	<p>To enrol, all applicants are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• be over 18 years of age• complete the course Application Form, referring to the Terms and Conditions therein• pay the Application Fee• comply with any course prerequisites
Content	<p>17 units covering basic Montessori pedagogy, the role of the Assistant and child development plus 9 hours of observations (practical component).</p>

Units

UNIT CODE	UNIT TITLE
AMIC201	Introduction to Montessori
AMIC202	The Role of the Directress
AMIC203	The Role of the Assistant
AMIC204	Overview of the Planes of Development
AMIC205	The Child's Mind from 0-6 years
AMIC206	Order
AMIC207	Movement 0-6
AMIC208	Language
AMIC209	Independence
AMIC210	Prepared Environment
AMIC211	Freedom and Discipline
AMIC212	Social Development
AMIC213	Keys to Observation
AMIC214	Observation (Practical Component)
AMIC215	Music
AMIC216	Art
AMIC217	Maintaining the Environment (Indoor and Outdoor)
AMIC218	Material Making Techniques

Recommended Reading

Selected reading from the following four books by Maria Montessori will be given out during the course:

The Secret of Childhood

The Child in the Family

Education for a New World

The Absorbent Mind

Further reading for students to undertake after the course will be recommended by the trainer.

Books may be purchased online from montessoribooks.com.au

Enrolment

- Download the Application Form from the ACMS website www.montessoristudies.org
- Complete and send in with the \$200 application fee
- The tuition fee is due in full prior to the start of the course



The Australian Centre for Montessori Studies (ACMS) is a national organisation committed to providing quality training to the Montessori teaching community, and to those interested in becoming qualified in the Montessori method.

Montessori education is growing in Australia, particularly in the early childhood sector. Parent demand for quality and choice is becoming more discerning, resulting in an increased number and capacity of Montessori schools and centres. As a result, there is a high demand for trained Montessori educators.

There are basically two components to teaching qualifications within Montessori, one being what is mandated by the government and the other being the Montessori pedagogical training required by a Montessori school/centre.

One of the aims of the National Quality Framework is to improve and nationalise early childhood qualifications and educator to child ratios. As a result, educators working with children from birth to preschool age will require at least an approved Certificate III level education and care qualification, with higher qualifications required for half the staff.

In a Montessori setting, this means that all Montessori assistants will require a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care. Teachers will require at least a Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care, with some requiring teaching degrees, depending on the setting.

In addition to these qualifications, Montessori training is provided at the assistant and teacher level. ACMS is the only training centre in Australia authorised to deliver Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) training courses. AMI is the recognised international authority on Montessori education and directs studies in affiliated teacher-training institutions around the world.

ACMS provides the AMI Montessori Certificate course for Montessori assistants and the AMI Montessori Diploma course for Montessori teachers. There are three separate courses for the Montessori Diploma aligned to the age group of the child – the Assistants to Infancy 0-3 course, the Early Childhood 3-6 course and the Primary 6-12 course.

Prospective educators are encouraged to visit the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) and the relevant state teachers institution websites for further information about qualifications and teacher registration.

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