



Maryland Academy of Montessori Education Early Childhood Teacher Education Program

Established in 2019, the Maryland Academy of Montessori Education provides hands-on training and professional development opportunities to educators seeking Montessori Early Childhood Education certification for children ages 2 ½ - 6. Under the supervision of experienced Montessori teachers, our program combines the educational concepts and proven best practices of Dr. Maria Montessori with a 21st century outlook.

During the 13 month (856 total clock hours) Early Childhood Teacher Education Program, adult learners will spend time observing teaching demonstrations, creating Montessori materials, participating in group discussions, and developing leadership skills in the classroom. Small cohort sizes ensure adult learners receive regular 1:1 time and assistance from their supervising teacher and are able to engage in reflective exercises and feedback with their peers.

There are two main components of the Early Childhood program:

- 1) An 13 week series of academic courses, including 4 full-day Saturday sessions, over the summer semester. This period will include our 'Montessori Foundations' and 'Montessori Links' series, where Adult Learners become familiar with the history and objectives of Montessori learning, spend time researching classroom management techniques, and review the published work of Dr. Maria Montessori.
- 2) An immersive and hands-on 9 month practicum at one of our 9 Montessori schools in Maryland. Adult Learners will have the opportunity to:
 - a) observe experienced teachers in multiple classroom settings
 - b) collaborate with their peers in developing a diverse range of programs, enrichment, and outreach activities for students
 - c) prepare their classroom environment and design original lesson plans
 - d) choose a capstone project involving independent research and development, culminating in a research paper and presentation



Throughout the year, adult learners also have the opportunity to join Children's Montessori System teachers in additional workshops, events, and other professional development opportunities. Ongoing support is provided each step of the way by experienced and enthusiastic Montessori teachers through 1:1 meetings, written evaluations and ongoing feedback. At the conclusion of the program, adult learners will have created a personal library of resources and reference materials as they master the best-practice Montessori approaches for engaging young students and preparing them to be lifelong learners.



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APPLICATION OVERVIEW

The Maryland Academy of Montessori Education celebrates diversity and welcomes all applicants. We do not discriminate amongst candidates based on age, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, or nationality. Based on availability, we accept all adult learners who meet the program requirements.

Application Process:

- 1) Completed applications are due by May 5th (*prior to the start of the summer cohort*)
- 2) Submit application packet by email, which must include:
 - Completed application form, including submission of essays
 - Copy of resume
 - Official transcripts for any college attended.

**Note: Adult learners must possess a bachelors' degree or international equivalent from an accredited university or college.*
 - Copy of any current teaching license or certification
 - Copy of an official state driver's license
 - 2 letters of recommendation
- 3) Following successful submission of application materials, adult learners under consideration will be contacted for a phone interview.
- 4) Individuals selected for an upcoming cohort will be notified by both email and letter by May 20th.

Candidates should be aware that all adult learners accepted into the program must successfully pass a state and federal background check prior to beginning their studies.

Program Tuition and Fees:

Application fee	\$50	Due with application
Registration fee	\$100	Due with Enrollment Application
Full certification tuition <i>(Fees do not include required books and personal supplies, which should total less than \$100)</i>	\$7,950	Due by June 1 <i>(Deferred tuition payment plan is available)</i>
Membership/Credential fee for AMS and MACTE	\$425	Due by June 1
Montessori Research & Development textbooks, albums, supplies/materials and activities fees	\$750	Due by June 1
Continuum of academic work fee <i>(Charged annually for adult learners requesting an official Extension beyond the scheduled completion date.)</i>	\$400	Due by July 1
Total cost to the Adult Learner as payable to the school	\$9,275	

Application and Registration fees are non-refundable after 7 days of acceptance into the program. Fees are subject to changes and updates per Maryland Academy of Montessori Education discretion. Late fees will be charged to any individual who does not submit payment by the required due dates.

**Maryland Academy of Montessori Education
Early Childhood Teacher Education Training
APPLICATION**

Please fully complete all sections of this application and submit to training@childrensmanor.com

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name (full legal name): _____

Male Female Other Birthdate (mm/dd/yyyy) : _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Explain how you heard about and why you chose our program?

Please share the name of anyone who referred you to our program:

Have you already decided where to complete your practicum? If yes, please provide the name, address, and contact information for the school:

ESSAYS:

Please submit an attachment the following:

- 1) A description of your experience working with children/students outside of a Montessori environment (minimum 200 words)
- 2) A description of any experience you have working with children/students in a Montessori environment (minimum 200 words)
- 3) An explanation for why you want to become a Montessori certified teacher and what attracts you to the early education field (minimum 400 words)

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION

Please submit:

- 1) Copy of resume
- 2) Official transcripts for any college attended
**Note: Adult learners must possess a bachelors' degree or international equivalent from an accredited university or college.*
- 3) Copy of any current teaching license or certification
- 4) Copy of an official state driver's license
- 5) 2 letters of recommendation

AGREEMENT:

I, the undersigned, attest that all of my application information, including both above statements and those made in separate documents, are fully complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that intentionally providing false information on this application may constitute fraud, and could result in the forfeiture of any deposits, fees or tuition paid, and termination of any awarded certification.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

QUESTIONS:

Feel free to contact us at training@childrensmanor.com