

MONTESSORI INSTITUTE OF NORTH TEXAS

*Formerly known as MTRCD
In affiliation with Association Montessori Internationale*



Announces a new course offering for...

ASSISTANTS TO INFANCY (Ages 0-3 Years)

Conducted Summer of 2007 -Summer of 2008

Program Summary –

Our second Assistants to Infancy program was added to the course offerings of the MINT in order to meet the growing need for Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Montessori certified teachers for children at the 0 to 3 years age level throughout the world. During the Summer of 2007 and the Summer of 2008, students will attend daily lectures from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. And during the intervening academic year, students will be required to complete several research papers, observe in a classroom and practice teach. Upon completion of the program, the student will earn an AMI, internationally recognized Assistants to Infancy level diploma. Founded in 1929 by Dr. Maria Montessori, the AMI is the internationally recognized authority in Montessori education.



“Whoever touches the life of the child, touches the most sensitive point of a whole which has roots in the most distant past and climbs toward the infinite future.”

Maria Montessori

Assistants to Infancy Program Details



Summer 2007 - Students create curriculum manuals based on daily lectures and practical sessions which follow the lectures. Lecture topics include: Montessori Theory, Anatomy and Physiology, Obstetrics, Nutrition, and The Environment for Children from Birth to Age Three. The practical sessions that follow the lectures allow students to review their notes, clarify any questions, practice with the materials, create hand-made materials and developmental time lines that are required for the completion of the course. Student write-ups for their albums

are submitted for review weekly and any corrections and revisions requested are then re-submitted with the following week's requirements.

Academic Year 2007-2008 - Students are required to complete 250 hours of observations. Each month, observation journals and developmental summaries of the observation subjects are mailed in. The student is expected to submit the required theory papers which were discussed during their conference with the Director of Training. A compilation of quotations from Dr. Maria Montessori about the newborn and the development of movement and language is also required, as well as a comprehensive research on the Symbiotic Period. Students must also spend a full week practice teaching in an environment that is directed by a guide who holds the AMI Assistants to Infancy diploma.

Summer of 2008 - Students continue with the creation of their albums and handmade materials, and practice with the materials as they did during the Summer of 2007. Lecture topics include Child Neuropsychiatry and The Infant Community Environment. In addition, students are required to complete 6 hours of written exams over a 2-day period. Finally, students undergo a 2-hour oral exam approximately 2 weeks after the written exams are completed.

AMI Montessori Diploma - This Assistants to Infancy program is designed to provide students with optimal preparation to work with children from 0 to 3 years of age in a Montessori environment. Satisfactory ratings for both written and oral exams, completion of albums and sample materials, practice teaching, student evaluation and 250 hours of observation lead to the internationally recognized Assistants to Infancy Diploma of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI).

Requirements for Admission - A Bachelor's degree is preferred. Students may do course work and take exams in Spanish. In addition, 10 or more students who speak the same language may arrange, at their expense, to have a translator present for lectures.



Tuition

Assistants to Infancy Course	\$7,000.00*
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$50 (\$100 after 4/13/07)
Deposit due upon acceptance (non-refundable)	\$500.00
Payable in two installments:	
June 12, 2007	\$4,300.00
June 10, 2008	\$2,200.00

*If paid in full by June 12, 2007 there is a \$300.00 discount

Fees

Examination Fee (due June 12, 2008)	\$200
AMI Membership Fee / Year (due each summer)	\$40

A minimum of \$500 to \$600 should be budgeted by the student for books and other supplies for the course.

Refund Policy – MINT reserves the right to dismiss a student because of absences and/or incomplete assignments. Students who voluntarily withdraw from the course or are dismissed before June 10, 2008 and have paid the full tuition will receive a partial refund from MINT in the amount of \$2,000 from the full tuition. Those who voluntarily withdraw or are dismissed before June 10, 2008 and have only paid the first installment will receive no refund and owe no more tuition. Those who voluntarily withdraw or are dismissed on or after June 10, 2008 will receive no refund. Refunds by MINT will be made within 30 days after the effective date of termination.

Cancellation Policy - MINT will refund fully the tuition deposit to any applicant who cancels the enrollment contract within **72 hours** (until midnight of the third day excluding Saturdays, Sundays & legal holidays) of signing the contract. MINT reserves the right to cancel a course due to insufficient enrollment. If a course is cancelled, notification by mail will be given by May 1, 2007. All payments made to MINT will be returned within 30 days.

Housing

Reasonable housing is available just a short distance from the location of the course. Public transportation is available. Child care is available through St. Alcuin Montessori School's Summer Camp at reduced fees

Director of Training

Maria Teresa Vidales is one of only five AMI Assistants to Infancy trainers in the world. She also serves as an examiner and consultant for AMI. She holds AMI diplomas for the Assistants to Infancy level (working with children 0 to 3 years) and the Primary level (working with children 3 to 6 years). Mrs. Vidales has lectured and given courses at international workshops and conferences and has collaborated with the Assistants to Infancy program offered in Denver, Colorado. In addition, she has co-directed the Assistants to Infancy Course at the Yokohama Montessori Institute in Japan, as well as at the Montessori Institute of San Diego, California. "Chacha," as many people call her, has operated a Montessori school in Mexico since 1989 and has more than 25 years of continuous experience working with children.

Course Schedule

Summer 2007: June 12 to August 10, week days, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2007-2008 Academic Year: Requirements scheduled by student.

Summer 2008: June 10 – August 15, week days, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MINT Mission Statement

Montessori Institute of North Texas (MINT) is a nonprofit corporation established to provide AMI accredited training and to engage in valuable research beneficial to the Montessori Community.

Non-Discrimination Policy

MINT admits the students of any race, color, and national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to all students at MINT. MINT does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin in the administration of its educational and admissions policies.

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