



Montessori Institute

Teacher Education Program



Mission Statement

The City Garden Montessori Institute's Teacher Education Program exists to prepare Anti-Biased, Antiracist (ABAR) Montessori educators in public school environments; to increase access to Montessori training among Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and other historically marginalized groups; and to offer relevant, rigorous Montessori education to children and their families.

Why attend the Institute for your Elementary Montessori Teacher Credential?

The Institute was established to prepare educators in the Montessori public sector to meet the needs of all children within the context of their unique identities. *"We must tear out our hearts, cleanse them of prejudices and begin again so that the theory and the practice are one and the same..."* – Dr. Maria Montessori

Additionally, the educators in training at the Institute are engaged in culturally relevant pedagogy that prepares a rich environment centering and engaging Black, Indigenous, and other children of color, connecting them to a fully viable curriculum in which they will thrive. Our training is comprehensive and affordable. With low summer residency (about a month each summer), and online coursework during the academic year that is relevant to the life of the classroom, adult learners find a better balance of work, life, and training.

"We must always begin by acknowledging the social and historical context in which we operate. That context shapes in powerful ways how we think and act. One important dimension of that context is the fact that: American schools were never designed to educate everyone."
– Dr. Beverly Tatum

Reasons for Delivering Montessori ABAR Pedagogy in our Training

Systems of Oppression, Racism, and Privilege are present in our culture and in our Montessori institutions. Therefore, we Prepare the Culture for our Teacher Training by:

- bringing awareness to the manifestations of racism and privilege in our own lives, in the systems we create and support, and in our broader culture;
- working together with intentionality to dismantle and reorganize the systems that perpetuate racism and privilege within contemporary Montessori education;
- delivering anti-bias education and a culture of antiracism throughout the Montessori Teacher training experiences.

Tuition & Fees

Elementary I (6-9) or Elementary II (9-12) – \$12,875
Elementary I & II (6-12) – \$13,875

The cost of tuition includes the following:

MACTE Adult Learner Fee – \$166

AMS Student Learner Fee – \$240

METTC Album/Materials Licensing Fee – \$1,000

The adult learner is responsible for acquiring adult course texts that are not directly provided by the City Garden Montessori Institute (CGMI).



Program Information 6 – 9 Cohort III: 2022 – 2024

PREREQUISITE PHASE (Online Asynchronous and Synchronous Course Work)

Spring 2022: EC Overview Course Part I (3 weeks - Online Asynchronous Modules)

Sunday, May 8 – Sunday, May 29, 2022

Three five-hour Online Course Modules with Assignments are Due on Wednesdays and Sundays

Module 1: Who is this EC Child? (1 Week)

Module 2: How is the EC Environment Prepared (1 Week)

Module 3: What about the EC Adult? (1 Week)

Introduction to Montessori Elementary Philosophy Part I (5 weeks - Asynchronous)

Sunday, May 29th - Sunday, July 3rd, 2022

5 six and a half hour Online Module Sections with Assignments Due on Wednesdays and Sundays

Module 1: The Elementary Aged Child (4 weeks)

Module 2: The Elementary Guide (1 week)

ABAR in Montessori Education (1 day - Synchronous Online)

Saturday, June 18th, 2022

(1 Day)

8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. CST

Lunch break from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm CST

ACADEMIC PHASE (In Residence and Online Asynchronous Course Work)

Summer 2022: EC Overview Course Part II (5 Morning Sessions - In Residence)

Wednesday, July 6th, 2022 - Tuesday, July 12th, 2022

Five weekday sessions from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

EC Overview • Practical Life (4 hours)

EC Overview • Sensorial (4 hours)

EC Overview • Cultural Studies (4 hours)

EC Overview • Language (4 hours)

EC Overview • Math (4 hours)

Montessori Elementary I Methods Courses Part I (4 weeks - In Residence)

Wednesday, July 6, 2022 - Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

6.3.5.1 Math • 10 four hour sessions (40 hours)

6.3.5.2 Geometry • 5 four hour sessions (20 hours)

6.3.5.3 Language • 9 four hour sessions (36 hours)

6.3.5.4 Geography • 5 four hour sessions (20 hours)

6.3.5.5 History • 5 four hour sessions (20 hours)

6.3.5.6 Biology • 3 four hour sessions (12 hours)

6.3.5.7 Physical Sciences • 2 four hour sessions (8 hours)

6.3.5.15 Music • 1 four hour session (4 hours)

Fall and Spring 2022-2023:

Montessori Elementary Philosophy and Pedagogy Course (20 Weeks - Asynchronous)

Sunday, August 28th, 2022 - June 11th, 2023

18 six and a half hour Online Module Sections w/ Assignments Due on
Wednesdays/Sundays

(Approximately 2 weeks per Module Subsection)

Module 3: The Elementary Environment	(2 weeks)
Module 4: Cosmic Education (Integrated Curriculum	(8 weeks)
Module 5: Curriculum and Planning	(6 weeks)
Module 6: What is Peace Education? / Peaceful Classrooms	(2 weeks)
Module 7: Stakeholders	(1 week)
Module 8: New Beginnings	(1 week)

Summer 2023: Montessori Elementary I Methods Courses Part II (4 weeks - In Residence)

Wednesday, July 5, 2023 - Tuesday, August 1st, 2023

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Lunch from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

6.3.5.1 Math	• 11 four hour sessions	(44 hours)
6.3.5.2 Geometry	• 4 four hour sessions	(16 hours)
6.3.5.3 Language	• 6 four hour sessions	(24 hours)
6.3.5.4 Geography	• 4 four hour sessions	(16 hours)
6.3.5.5 History	• 1 four hour session	(4 hours)
6.3.5.6 Biology	• 4 four hour sessions	(16 hours)
6.3.5.12 Practical Life	• 4 four hour sessions	(16 hours)
6.3.5.13 Movement and PE	• 2 four hour sessions	(8 hours)
6.3.5.14 Art	• 2 four hour sessions	(8 hours)
6.3.5.15 Music	• 2 four hour sessions	(8 hours)

Practical Exam (1 day - In Residence)

Wednesday, August 2nd, 2023 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm



PRACTICUM PHASE (In Residence and Online Synchronous Practicum Seminars)

Fall and Spring 2023-2024:

Self Directed Practicum (Minimum 1,080 Contact Hours - In Residence at Practicum Site)

August 2023 - June 2024

Weekly submission of planning, record keeping and stakeholder communications required. Monthly submission of professional attendance, and child observation and assessment records required.

Three practicum visits to be arranged by the Practicum Coordinator and the Adult Learner in the Fall, midyear, and Spring.

Practicum Year Seminars (8 two hour sessions – Synchronous)

Online on the following Wednesdays from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Central

Wednesday, September 13th, 2023

Wednesday, October 18th, 2023

Wednesday, November 15th, 2023

Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

Wednesday, January 10th, 2024

Wednesday, February 7th, 2024

Wednesday, March 13th, 2024

Wednesday, April 10th, 2024

Self Directed Action Research Project

Support sessions as arranged by the Practicum Coordinator and the Adult Learner.

Action Research Project Due no later than Sunday, June 9th, 2023

Final Written Comprehensive Examination (1 three hour session – Asynchronous)

As scheduled with Practicum Coordinator and Individual Adult Learner

To be completed prior to June 30th, 2023



City Garden Montessori Institute is an applicant in good standing with the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) and American Montessori Society (AMS). A MACTE/AMS Elementary Teaching Credential is highly sought after by schools all around the world.