



APPLICATION

Early Childhood Certification Program: Ages 2½ – 6

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete all pages and submit them with your essay and letters of recommendation (see Application Checklist for essay and recommendations).

Your application may be submitted by email, fax, or regular mail. To mail the application send to:

Age of Montessori
301 Evergreen Drive, Suite 100
Bozeman, MT 59715

You may also scan and email this application to:

customerservice@ageofmontessori.com

To check the status of your application contact the email above or call our offices Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. MST at:

Telephone: (406) 284-2160
Fax: (406) 284-2163

Email: customerservice@ageofmontessori.com



Age of Montessori holds accredited status for its Early Childhood teacher education certification course from the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) through the year 2019.
www.macte.org

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Certifying Teachers and Educating Parents

EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

THE AGE OF MONTESSORI IS HERE!

Welcome to authentic training in the real Montessori method taught in the legacy of Maria Montessori.

- Estimated time commitment of 10-15 hours per week
- Full certification requires a bachelor's degree; associate certification requires a high school diploma. Full certification students will be awarded a Montessori Early Childhood Teaching Certificate to teach children from the ages of 2½-6. Associate certification students will receive a Montessori Early Childhood Associate Teaching Certificate, which also may permit them to teach in some Montessori schools.

4 STEPS TO EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER CERTIFICATION

STEP 1 – ONLINE STUDY

Eight months of online study of the philosophy and psychology that is the heart of the Montessori Method. Topics include:

- Getting To Know Your Prepared Online Environment
- Introduction to Montessori Early Childhood Teacher Education
- Preparation of the Teacher, Part 1: Personal Reflection
- Maria Montessori – a Short Biography
- Human Tendencies, Sensitive Periods and the Brain
- History of Methods – Montessori and Major Early Childhood Theorists
- Stages of Development
- Prepared Environment
- Liberty and Discipline
- Movement, Mental Assimilation and the Work of the Child
- Normalization through Work
- Preparation of the Teacher, Part 2: Spiritual Preparation
- Peace Education
- The four avenues of learning for the early childhood years (2½ - 6):
 - Practical Life
 - Sensorial Development
 - Development of Language
 - Early Preparation of the Mathematical Mind
- The beautiful learning materials Maria Montessori designed for the children's use.

Students read assigned texts and online content, study videos, write papers and regularly share their thoughts in online discussion forums with classmates and instructors.

STEP 2 – RESIDENCY

One hundred and twenty (120) hours of in-class residency for presentations in the four major avenues and hands-on practice with all the materials. (Students responsible for paying their own travel, room and board.) Residency is offered either in Bozeman, Montana or Nashville, Tennessee.

STEP 3 – INTERNSHIP

Students are responsible to find a Montessori school in their area that may be suitable for their Internships. The Course Director will provide a letter of introduction to the school selected along with a list of requirements to determine if the school is qualified to receive the student as an intern.

These requirements include a classroom that has:

- a certified Montessori teacher with at least one full year of teaching experience;
- a full complement of Montessori materials;
- an enrollment of no fewer than 10-12 children;
- a daily Montessori work cycle of 2-3 hours.

Internship year includes:

1. Nine months of on-the-job training in a fully equipped Montessori school
2. Three visits from Age of Montessori field personnel
3. A series of phone and Skype meetings with our staff and fellow Interns
4. Completion of written assignments; material making; documentation of lessons presented to individual children and small groups; conducting whole-class activities; participation in all aspects of daily classroom life

(Self-directed Internships may be approved at discretion of Program Director. Call Registrar for details.)

STEP 4 – FINAL PRACTICAL EXAM AND CERTIFICATION

- Completion of all academic requirements
- Final Practical Exam – in person or via Skype
- Tuition & fees paid in full

Certification students have up to four years to complete all requirements. Students must begin the Internship within two years of the end of the in-class Residency.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION TUITION AND FEES

Course Components	Tuition	Professional Fees
Part 1: Online Study	\$3,500	
Part 2: Residency*	\$1,250	
Part 3: Internship**	\$2,350	
TOTAL	\$7,100	\$720
GRAND TOTAL	\$7,820	

* Travel, room and board during the onsite Residency varies and is the responsibility of the student. Every effort will be made to assist students to find housing for minimal rates.

** If a student lives in an area where no existing Montessori schools or Age of Montessori field personnel live, travel fees will be added accordingly for on-site visits. Travel fees will also be added for self-directed internship visits fifty or more miles from the field supervisor. Students are responsible for their own room and board. Most schools hire interns as classroom aides and pay them accordingly.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

- Payment of full tuition (minus Professional Fees) entitles the student to a 5% discount. (5% discount = \$355)
- Multiple payment options are available. (See tuition contract for details.)
- All funds must be rendered in U.S. currency. Foreign bank drafts, including those from Canada, must account for currency differences.
- A \$75 late fee will be applied after course start date.

REFUND POLICY

- Prior to the start of the course, upon written request, a full tuition refund less a \$25 handling fee within two weeks.
- A refund of tuition will be made for withdrawals or dismissals during the first six weeks of classes (see Course Refund Schedule below).
- Withdrawals or dismissals after the first six weeks of classes will not receive a tuition refund.
- If unforeseen circumstances require a student to postpone or cancel the Online Study, Residency or Internship, those fees may be held until a later date when the student is able to attend, or a refund will be given.

COURSE REFUND SCHEDULE

The following schedule applies for all refunds:

TIME OF WITHDRAWAL OR DISMISSAL	PERCENTAGE OF REFUND DISMISSAL
During the first week of class	95%
During the second week of class	75%
During the third week of class	65%
During the fourth, fifth and sixth week of class	40%



EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- 1. **Photo:** Headshot.
- 2. **Application.**
- 3. **Essay:** Explain in at least 300 words why you desire training in Montessori education. Your essay must be written in English and typed in 12-point font on letter-sized paper. Attach this essay to your Application.
- 4. **Technology and Computer Literacy Requirements:** Complete, sign and attach this form (page 7) to your Application.
- 5. **Tuition Contract:** Complete and sign (page 9).
- 6. **Internship Coordinator:** After we have received your application and before your application is approved you will need to talk to our Internship Coordinator to discuss your plans for completing the nine-month student teaching requirement. After submitting your application, please contact Randall Klein at rklein@ageofmontessori.com to schedule a phone conversation.
- 7. **Two Letters of Recommendation:** From two previous or current employers, or teachers with whom you have worked. Make two copies of pages 10 & 11. Recommenders should use these forms. They must complete and mail it to the address on the form.
- 8. **Transcripts:** An official transcript of your highest college degree (bachelor's or above) must be sent to Age of Montessori. If you have not attended college, please submit a copy of your high school transcript and diploma.

Please complete and return items 1-5 above:

1. **BY MAIL:**

Registrar
Age of Montessori
301 Evergreen Drive, Suite 100
Bozeman, Montana 59715

2. **BY FAX:** (406) 284-2163

3. **BY EMAIL:** customerservice@ageofmontessori.com

Note: Items 7 and 8 (Letters of Recommendation and Transcripts) will be mailed separately from items 1-5.



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APPLICATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION

- Full Certification (has university degree)
 Associate Certification (high school diploma/GED)

Term of Enrollment: September March Year _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please print clearly)

Full Legal Name _____
Last First Middle

Date of Birth _____

Address _____
Street Address Apt #

City _____ State (or Country) _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____
Home Work Cell

Email Address _____
 Please list the email address that you will use for your online course access and email correspondence with Age of Montessori.

Are you a U.S. citizen? yes no If not, home country _____

Requirement: The course is currently only available in English. Students must be able to speak and write English fluently.

Is English your first language? (circle one) yes no Check here if you speak and write English fluently:

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

*Requirement: In order to earn full Montessori certification, a bachelor's degree is required from an accredited 4-year university or international equivalent. Students without a bachelor's degree will receive an associate certification that may allow them to teach.**

Please list schools from which you earned a high school diploma (for associate certification students) or degree, beginning with the most recent (for full certification students).

COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY / HIGH SCHOOL	CITY / STATE / NATION	DATES OF ATTENDANCE	DECREE OR DIPLOMA EARNED / EXPECTED (MO/YR)

*Recognition of certification is up to the individual school.

WORK EXPERIENCE RELEVANT TO CHILD EDUCATION/DEVELOPMENT

Please list your work experience for the last seven years, especially work that is relevant to the child/education and development. (List your most recent experience first.) Attach an additional page if necessary.

EMPLOYER	ADDRESS	DATES EMPLOYED	JOB TITLE / DUTIES

Please describe any other experience you have working with children.

Please describe your previous experience with Montessori education. Include experience in Montessori classrooms, workshops, training or your personal reading.

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION

If you have already made arrangements for your Internship site, please provide the following information:

School Name _____

School Address _____
Street Address

City _____ State (or Country) _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Office Phone Number _____ Office Fax Number _____

Name of School Director _____ Email _____

Name of Supervising Teacher _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I, _____ [print full name], affirm that all of the information contained in this application is correct and accurate. I understand that intentionally providing false information may constitute fraud, and can result in forfeiture of any monies or tuition paid, as well as revocation of an awarded Montessori certificate.

Signature _____ Date _____

TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

A Windows, Macintosh or Linux Computer with:

- Sound card/speakers
- Video/graphics card
- High speed Internet access (768Kb/second or faster; if you are using a dial-up connection or equivalent, the course quality may be less than optimal)
- Word Processing Program
- Email access
- Current anti-virus software (such as AVG, McAfee or Norton)
- Skype

Browser Requirements: Firefox 3 or higher is highly recommended and preferred; however, Internet Explorer 8 or higher is another alternative. Other browsers may be used, but may not support all functionalities in our learning platform. We recommend that you remain updated with the latest versions of web browser software. All browsers should have Cookies, Java, and Pop-ups enabled (i.e., do not block Pop-ups).

Additional Software: The following additional software is required and can be obtained from the websites listed below:

- Adobe Acrobat Reader (<http://get.adobe.com/reader/>)
- Flash Player (<http://www.adobe.com/products/flashplayer/>)

COMPUTER LITERACY REQUIREMENTS

Verify that you are able to do each of the following:

- Connect to the Web using a browser
- Navigate the Internet
- Send and receive emails using the e-mail system of your choice
- Do basic word processing, including cutting and pasting
- Open, save and manage files
- Use basic Windows or Macintosh features (open and close programs, scroll up and down)
- Watch online videos and listen to online audios
- Use Skype

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

I am responsible for meeting the Technology and Computer Literacy Requirements listed above. Absence of the required technology and skills can negatively impact my ability to complete the course.

Signature _____ Date _____



**TUITION CONTRACT
EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATON**

PARTY RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENTS (SELECT ONE)

- Applicant
- Sponsoring school

School Name _____

School Head / Contact Name _____ Phone Number _____

- Other

Name _____ Phone Number _____

Relationship to student _____

PAYMENT PLAN AND METHOD

Please circle **PLAN A, B, C, or D** of your choice below:

PLAN	NO. OF MO. PAYMENTS	SCHEDULE	PROFESSIONAL FEES
A	1	One payment of \$7,465 which includes a 5% tuition discount (Tuition of \$7,100 with 5% discount of \$355 = \$6,745 plus \$720 Professional Fees)	\$720
B	9	Initial \$2,000 , plus 9 monthly payments of \$647 (includes \$720 Professional Fees)	\$720
C	3	Initial \$2,000 , plus 3 equal quarterly payments of \$1,940 (includes \$720 Professional Fees)	\$720
D	22	September program: Initial \$1,300 , with 22 payments of \$297 (includes \$720 Professional Fees)	\$720
	15	March program: Initial \$1,300 , with 15 payments of \$435 (includes \$720 Professional Fees)	\$720

A \$25 fee is assessed for late payments. Age of Montessori does not charge interest or payment plan fees.

In addition to base tuition and fees, students may be assessed internship fees based on geographic proximity to Age of Montessori field representatives. Your base tuition covers cost of the 1st and 3rd field visit provided you live within a 300 mile radius of one of our field representatives. (The second visit in most cases will be via SKYPE.) If your internship school will be outside of this radius, please discuss potential additional travel fees with our Registrar upon application.

Internships, both supervised and self-directed, require a minimum of two in-person visits.

Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Security Code (Visa and MasterCard 3-digits found on back of credit card; American Express 4 digits found on front of card): _____

Name on Card _____

Billing Address _____

Street Address

City

State (or Country)

Zip/Postal Code

Phone Number _____

(Please list a phone number where you can be reached to answer questions and/or confirm payment processing.)

Signature of Card Holder _____ Date _____

APPLICANT AGREEMENT

The information given on this Tuition Contract is correct to the best of my understanding. I understand that if I am accepted into the program, I am responsible for the full tuition and agree that payments will be made in a timely manner. I understand that an unpaid balance may result in termination of enrollment, and/or may delay certification upon completion of course requirements.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Head of School from sponsoring school (if applicable):

Signature _____ Date _____

Other person responsible for tuition payments (if applicable):

Signature _____ Date _____



RECOMMENDATION FORM EARLY CHILDHOOD CERTIFICATION

APPLICANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. Two Recommendations are required. Use these two forms.
2. Write your name and email address in the blank at the bottom of each page.
3. Complete Applicant Agreement section below on both copies.
4. Give Recommender one copy to complete. Repeat process for second Recommender.
5. Recommenders mail, scan or fax completed forms to:

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6. Sign below. Please note that by signing, you waive your rights under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to inspect this document.

Applicant's Signature _____ Date _____

Note: This form may be emailed or photocopied.

APPLICANT AGREEMENT (TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT)

Applicant Name _____

Recommender Name _____ Title _____

Recommender Institution/Organization _____

RECOMMENDER INFORMATION (TO BE COMPLETED BY RECOMMENDER)

Recommender Name _____ Phone Number _____

Address _____

Street Address

City

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Contact Information _____

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1. How long have you known the applicant? _____
2. In what capacity have you known the applicant? _____
3. How would you compare the applicant to other individuals you have known in the same capacity? (circle one)

POOR	FAIR	AVERAGE	EXCELLENT	OUTSTANDING
1	2	3	4	5

4. How well do you think the applicant will perform in the Age of Montessori certification program? (Circle one or write "unsure" if unfamiliar with the program requirements.)

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5. Please rate the applicant on each of the characteristics below using the following scale:

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| ___ Dependability/responsibility | ___ Ability to work with others |
| ___ Intellectual capacity | ___ Problem solving |
| ___ Motivation for program | ___ Spoken English language skills |
| ___ Maturity | ___ Written English language skills |

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