

ASIAN MONTESSORI INSTITUTE (AMI)

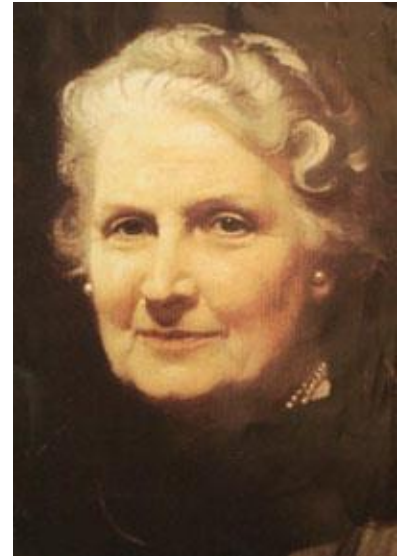
COURSE BROCHURE

Dr Maria Montessori

Maria Montessori was a truly remarkable woman. Born in 1870, she was the first woman to be granted a medical degree from an Italian University.

After graduation, Dr Montessori became director of a school for intellectually disabled children. Her work with these children saw remarkable results. When they competed successfully in public examinations, Dr Montessori began to wonder what was possible using similar methods with normal children.

Her life work began in 1907 with a group of pre-school children from the slums of Rome, when she opened her famous "Casa dei Bambini" or "Children's House". Through her observations and work with these children she discovered their astonishing, almost effortless ability to learn. Children taught themselves! This simple but profound truth formed the cornerstone of her life-long pursuit of educational reform.



Montessori - A Career For You

Worldwide, there are 22,000 Montessori schools. In Indonesia at present there are approximately 500 classrooms and the growth in demand for qualified staff still exceeds availability. Career opportunities exist for AMI graduates as the diploma is with internationally standard but with a local price.

Become an AMI teacher and prepare for the task of helping children develop their full potential.

The Montessori teacher:

- respects children as self-directed individuals and fosters growth toward independence and social responsibility
- creates an atmosphere of calm, order, and joy; a safe and stimulating environment which supports the developmental stages of each child
- helps children progress at their own pace and gradually discover their own capabilities
- gives engaging presentations with the beautiful, self-correcting Montessori materials

“With the support of the prepared adult, the child with his unlimited possibilities can be the transformer of humanity, just as he is its creator. The child brings us great hope and a new vision.” Dr Maria Montessori, *The Absorbent Mind*.

Why Take AMI Training?

A Guarantee of Quality

AMI is affiliated and a proud member of the International Montessori Council (IMC) Florida, USA. AMI is recognized by Indonesia Education Ministry (DIKNAS)

Knowledgeable Trainers Make the Difference

Every AMI course is conducted by an AMI trainer. These dedicated trainers have extensive teaching experience, an academic background, have participated in a rigorous Training of Trainers Program and possess in-depth knowledge and understanding of Montessori principles and applications.

AMI Diploma Provides Opportunities

- AMI trained teachers have abundant career prospects and are in demand in Indonesia and overseas
- AMI is a truly international organisation
- An experienced AMI trained teacher might consider becoming a head teacher, administrator, consultant, teacher-trainer, or the owner of a school

The Montessori Approach

"The Montessori Method is a system of education born from the observation of the needs of the children at every stage of their physical and psychological development. Its objective is to help the child with the enormous task of inner construction necessary to pass from childhood to full adulthood." Dr Mario Montessori, Jr., Education for Human Development

Thus, this approach attempts to promote in children characteristics which will help them to develop into free and functionally independent adults with a clear vision of the world around them and their role in it.

In the education of the child the adult has an indispensable function. Guidance is essential to the human development of the child, provided that this is offered with absolute respect for and trust in the child's human potentialities. So the primary function of the teacher is not so much to teach as to direct the natural energy of the child.

A continuous focus of study during the academic year is the characteristics of the child from 3 to 6 years of age, the needs expressed during this stage of development, and the means we have available to assist the child's work of self-construction.

Why Take "Face-to-Face" Training?

The Montessori approach offers a broad vision of education as an aid to life. It is designed to help children with their task of inner construction as they grow from childhood to maturity. It succeeds because it draws its principles from the natural development of the child. Its flexibility provides a matrix within which each individual child's inner directives freely guide the child toward wholesome growth.

The preparation of the adult about to undertake work with young children demands a high degree of self-discipline and commitment, and a professional attitude. This preparation can only be achieved through immersion in the Montessori theory under the supervision of

experienced lecturers. Furthermore, the special materials to be used with the children in a Montessori class require individual training and supervised practice—as each piece of apparatus has a function in the total scheme of the Montessori Prepared Environment.

These fundamental aspects cannot be covered in sufficient depth by distance learning. Montessori training is a process of re-orientation where students begin to discover for themselves the profound truths underlying the Montessori approach.

The Course

Each course requires the following components to be completed for certification by AMI:

- Attendance and participation in classes
- Practicum in a classroom
- Written assignments
- Performance assessment
- Portfolio
- Research Project

The course includes a comprehensive study of the Montessori method and child development including:

- I. Montessori Philosophy, Child Psychology & Development; Health & Safety
- II. Observation Techniques, Classroom Management & Curriculum Development
- III. Classroom Leadership, Parents Communication & Administrative Issues
- IV. Practical Life – Activities of Daily Living
- V. Sensorial, Music, Arts & Movements
- VI. Mathematics
- VII. Language Arts
- VIII. Science & Culture
- IX. Montessori SpEd Case Studies

Montessori Practice Teaching – Electives

Examination (Theory & Practical Test)

Payment Schedule & Deferred Payment:

All fees and tuition must be paid in full before the program begins. Unless arrangements for a deferred payment plan have been made with the Administrator.

Installment Plan:

The payment can be installed . For further information please contact the AMI Secretariat Office

Note: The Registration Fee is non-refundable, must be included in your registration form.

Mode Payment: All AMI applicants can pay via bank transfer. The details are as follow;

BCA acct no: 5865062343

- Please include the name of the person paying and send a copy of the official transaction through ami@brightschool.sch.id

Entry Requirements:

Admission requirements for applicants with D3 or B.A.(S1, S2, S3):

1. Bachelors degree from an accredited 4-year college or university as demonstrated by two sets of official transcripts;
2. Three Letter of Recommendation;
3. 350 word typewritten statement demonstrating;
 - a. Why the candidate wishes to enroll in the AMI Montessori Teaching Diploma in Early Childhood;
 - b. A strong interest in the Montessori method;
 - c. A desire to join the professional Montessori community
4. Registration form (From AMI Secretariat, Bright School)
5. Medial & Police clearance
6. 2x3 Photo with white background (3 pcs)

Admission requirements for applicant are without B.A. (Hight School Level):

1. One set of official transcript from high school or accredited 2-year college;
2. Three Letter of Recommendation;
3. 350 word typewritten statement demonstrating;
 - a. Why the candidate wishes to enroll in the AMI /Montessori Teaching Diploma in Early Childhood;
 - b. A strong interest in the Montessori method;
 - c. A desire to join the professional Montessori community
4. Registration form (From AMI Secretariat, Bright School)
5. Medial & Police clearance
6. 2x3 cm Photo with white background (3 pcs)

Application Procedure:

Send the following items to

Asian Montessori Institute (AMI) Secretariat Office, Bright School

Casamora Jagakarsa, Jl. Sirsak Ujung No. 1 Blok BB No. 14-18, Ciganjur, Jagakarsa,
Daerah Khusus Ibukota Jakarta, Indonesia

1. Completed application
2. Rp. 5 million Registration Fee (non-refundable)
3. Your 350 word typewritten statement (as above)
4. A copy of your teaching certificate (if you have one)
5. Contact your last educational institution and have (2) sets of official transcripts stating degree awarded sent to AMI Secretariat, Bright School office.
6. Contact three individuals (2 professional & 1 personal) and have them each send one recommendation letter to AMI Secretariat, Bright School office.

AMI 3-6 Diploma Course

The following books by Dr Maria Montessori and Mario Montessori provide essential background reading.

Required Reading

The Secret of Childhood – Maria Montessori
The Discovery of the Child – Maria Montessori (free)
The Absorbent Mind – Maria Montessori
The Formation of Man – Maria Montessori
Education and Peace – Maria Montessori
The Advanced Montessori Method, Vol. 1 – Maria Montessori

Recommended Reading

From Childhood to Adolescence – Maria Montessori
To Educate the Human Potential – Maria Montessori
Education for a New World – Maria Montessori
The Child in the Family – Maria Montessori
Maria Montessori - Her Life and Work – E.M. Standing