

## The Montessori Method

Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington addresses the education of the developing child, ages 2½-6 years. Students learn about Montessori's philosophy of education as well as current child development principles. They also become capable in presenting Montessori materials to young children.

This program is given to respond to the growing need for Montessori teachers all over the world, and to provide well-prepared and creative teachers for Montessori classrooms.

### MONTESSORI TEACHER PREPARATION: A Career in Education

Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington (MTP of WA) prepares graduates to teach in Montessori schools in the U.S. and in other countries. The program consists of the academic course work (Phase I) and a nine-month teaching internship (Phase II). Classes are held in Kent, WA, just fifteen minutes southeast of SeaTac International Airport.

Candidates must have at least two years of college education, or two years' experience working daily with young children in a classroom, or a combination of the two.

Upon successful completion of Phases I and

II, students may apply for and will receive a teaching certificate for the level 2½-6 from the Montessori Institute of America.

### WHY MTP OF WASHINGTON?

MTP of WA classes are given in response to the need for certified Montessori teachers in the U.S. and other countries. Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington provides an added

dimension to Montessori training. Classes are based upon Christian concepts of respect for individuals and for their potential, as well as upon Dr. Montessori's philosophies of education.

Other innovative aspects to the program are:

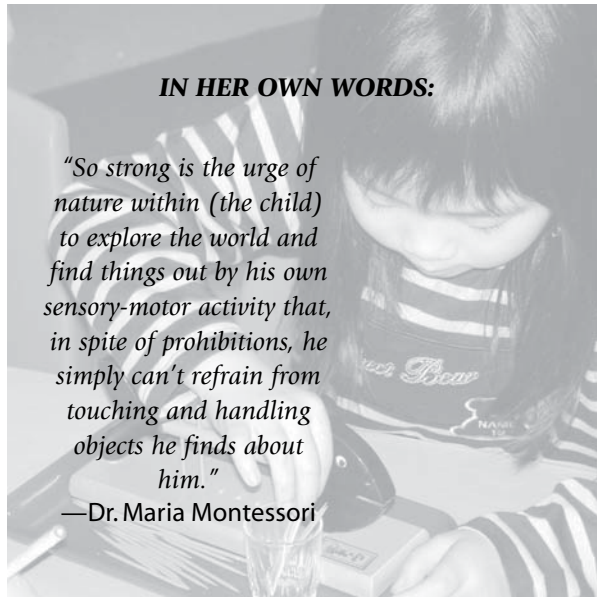
- Both Mr. and Mrs. McClurkin are actively involved in Montessori Plus Schools, supervision of the teachers, and oversight of the children.
- Original and

creative projects for children are encouraged

- Materials written by Mrs. McClurkin over her thirty years in Montessori education are available to all students and comprise the "philosophy notebook".

- School startup information and limited assistance is provided.

- The granting of I-20s to qualified international students provides a creative mix of students from various parts of the world.



#### IN HER OWN WORDS:

*"So strong is the urge of nature within (the child) to explore the world and find things out by his own sensory-motor activity that, in spite of prohibitions, he simply can't refrain from touching and handling objects he finds about him."*

—Dr. Maria Montessori

## Enrollment Steps

- 1) Complete the registration form and return it to MTP of WA with a \$100 nonrefundable registration fee.
  - 2) Schedule a personal interview with Mrs. McClurkin, the program director.
  - 3) Bring (or mail) your personal references and transcripts of previous academic work.
- After your interview and upon receipt of your transcripts and references, you will be promptly notified regarding your acceptance into the program.

## Payment Schedule

**Before May 1:** Materials fee of \$100

Please make this payment as early as possible in the spring to ensure a placement in the summer or fall class. You will receive a philosophy album and the student packet upon payment of this fee.

**By June 1:** Full tuition payment of \$3,500

Full tuition payment is due by June 1. Ten-month payment plans are also available with a signed contract. If you choose this plan, registration and materials' fees, as well as Payment #1, are also due June 1. (See enclosed Payment Plan Agreement.) Tuition covers the academic coursework and limited supervision for the nine-month intern period.

**First day of class:** Student Fee of \$115

This fee provides you a student listing with the Montessori Institute of America and the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education.

**Upon application for certification:**

MIA Fee of \$150

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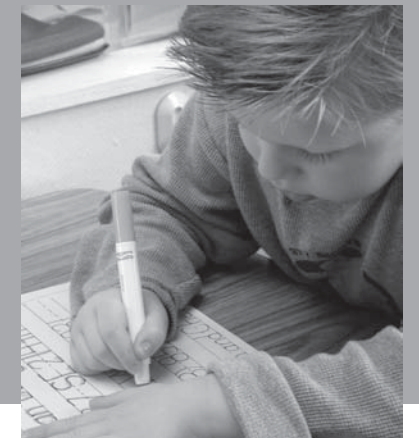
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## A Certification Program for Teaching Children Ages 2½ to 6 Years

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## TEACHING STAFF: More than 30 Years' Experience

Mrs. Sharlet McClurkin directs the training programs. She has been the director of Montessori Plus Schools since 1971 and of Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington since 1973.

Mrs. McClurkin holds a B.A. from Sterling College and an M.A. in American history from Florida State University. She received her teaching certificate for the 3-6 level from the Montessori Institute of America in Kansas City in 1972. She also took the Birth to 3 course from the American Montessori Society in 1996.

Mr. Donald McClurkin, co-director and administrator, received his MIA certificates in 1982 for the 3-6 level, and in 1992 for the 6-9 level. Other well-qualified instructors also assist in the courses.

## ACADEMIC COURSE

The 210-hour classes model dynamic, interactive discussions among student teachers and trainers. Students will:

- Consider the history of the Montessori movement
- Observe a variety of Montessori schools
- Learn the use of Montessori materials in eight areas: practical life, history, science, mathematics, language, art, sensorial, and geography
- Study Dr. Maria Montessori's theories and philosophy



- Examine relationships between Montessori learning and communities
- Prepare a child study
- Create two learning projects
- Compile guidelines for using Montessori materials in the classroom (a total of six albums and four notebooks)
- Prepare weekly plans for group activities
- Integrate modern child development principles with the Montessori learning process

## TEACHING INTERNSHIP

After ten hours of academic instruction, students may begin an internship in an approved Montessori school. The 720-hour internship gives the student teacher an opportunity to put the Montessori philosophy into practice with children while under the supervision of a certified teacher.

Student teachers may intern at Montessori Plus School in two Kent locations, or in other Montessori schools certified by MIA. The internship is one-half day, usually five days per week, for nine months. Student teachers receive a teaching stipend determined

by their internship school.

Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington field supervisors make three supervisions per student in order to meet the MIA/MACTE certification requirements. These supervised visits are provided at no cost to students within a 50 mile radius of the training center in Kent.

## SITE LOCATION AND CLASS SCHEDULES

Yearly onsite classes are held in Kent, WA, at Montessori Plus Schools, in downtown Kent at 318 3rd Avenue S, and on the east hill of Kent at 23807 98th Avenue South.

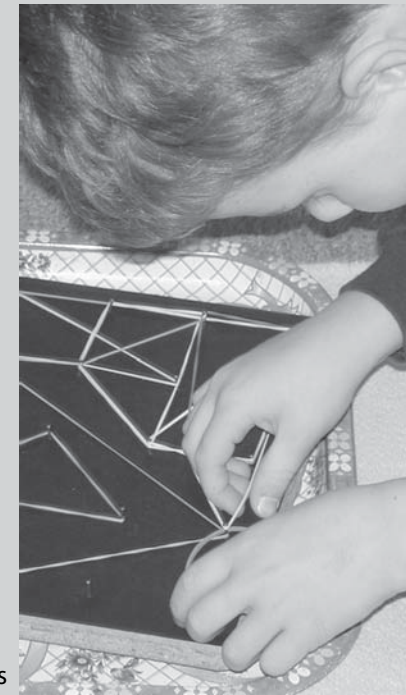
### Summer Program: (6 weeks)

Class begins the second full week of July and meets Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., through mid-August.

## MIA CERTIFICATION

Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington awards the MIA certificate to students who satisfy all of the program requirements. Students must:

- Attend 20 hours of seminars during their internship
  - Prepare 10 original learning projects
  - Meet all student teacher requirements as outlined in the internship job description
  - Review 8 Montessori books
  - Complete 6 albums and 4 material notebooks and 34 written academic assignments
  - Complete a 9-month Intern Diary and Intern Materials' List
  - Demonstrate competency in the classroom
- Application for certification may be made no earlier than one year after entering the program.



### NON-DISCRIMINATION

Persons of all faiths, races, nationalities and creeds are welcomed equally to MTP courses.

### School Year Schedule:

Beginning the last Saturday of August and running through mid-June, the class meets 1½ Saturdays per month (8:30 am - 4:30 pm, and 9-12 noon), and Tuesday evenings, 5-9 p.m.

### Optional Videotape Reviews

Review by videotape of music, classroom leadership and internship standards is optional but recommended. Videotapes may be checked out at small additional cost to student prior to certification.

## UNIVERSITY CREDITS

Optional university credits may be available upon request. Students are asked to inquire at the time of registration.

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