

## 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 proficient 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 ten-month teacher internship (Phase II).

Classes are held in Kent, WA, just fifteen minutes southeast of SeaTac International Airport, and in Everett, WA.

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. Students may have up to three years to complete the course.

### WHY MTP OF WASHINGTON?

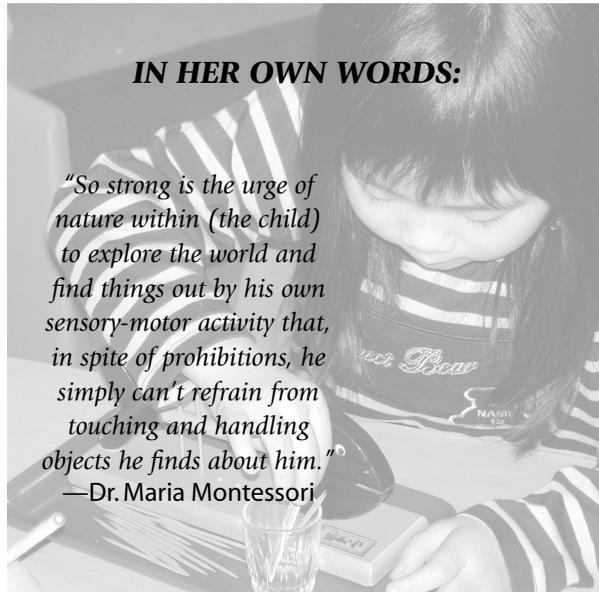
Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington provides an added dimension to Montessori training. Classes are based upon Christian concepts of respect for individuals and for their potential, as well as upon Dr. Montessori's philosophies of education.

Other innovative aspects to the program are:

- Both Mr. and Mrs. McClurkin are actively involved in Montessori Plus Schools: in 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 multi-ethnic mix of students from various parts of the world.
- Montessori's "language of respect" is taught and practiced.



### 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, including three personal references, transcripts, personal essay, and two pictures, and mail them to MTP of WA along with a Registration Fee of \$100.
- 2) Call and schedule a personal interview with the director or program director of the course.
- 3) After your interview and receipt of every required document, you will be promptly notified regarding your acceptance into the program.

## Payment Schedule

**By July 1 for the Fall Class, or May 1 for Summer Class.** Payment of \$100 Registration Fee holds your class placement in either the summer or fall class.

**By August 1 for the Fall Class, or June 1 for Summer Class:** Payment of \$4,000 Tuition and \$150 Materials' Fee completes your tuition payments and provides your Student Handbook, Philosophy Notebook, Policy Manual and other items needed for class. Five required books for the course are available for purchase in the office. Ten month tuition payment plans are also available with a signed contract.

**The student fee of \$185 is also due August 1 for Fall, June 1 for Summer:** This fee provides you a student listing with the Montessori Institute of America and the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education.

**One month before the first day of internship:** Field Supervision Fee of \$400.

**Upon application for certification:** MIA Fee of \$150

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## Montessori Teacher Preparation of Washington

A Certification Program for  
Teaching Children  
Ages 2½ to 6 Years



*Affiliated with the  
Montessori Institute of America*

**Montessori Teacher Preparation of  
Washington has held accredited status for its  
onsite course (Level EC) since 1993 with the  
Montessori Accreditation Council for  
Teacher Education**

## TEACHING STAFF: More than 30 Years' Experience



Sharron  
Reece

Sharron Reece co-directs the onsite training program. Having taught children at Montessori Plus School for twenty years, she served as program director and trainer of the MTP program since 2001.

Mrs. Reece holds a BA in art from Washburn University and a teaching certificate for the level 2½ to 6 years from the Montessori Institute of America (1992).

Sharlet McClurkin directed the training program from 1973 to 2011 and is now MTP co-director and trainer. She holds a BS in science and MA in American history and received her teaching certificate for the level 2½ to 6 years from MIA in 1972. She also took the Birth to Three training course from the American Montessori Society (1996) and now provides training for all onsite and international courses.



Sharlet and Donald  
McClurkin.

Donald McClurkin, trainer and administrator, received his MIA teaching certificate in 1982 for the 2½ to 6 level and in 1992 for the 6-9 level. He also holds a BS in science and M.Th in theology. Mr. McClurkin has given training to onsite and international courses since 1990.

## ACADEMIC COURSE

All classes model dynamic, interactive discussions among student teachers and trainers. Students will:

- Consider the history of the Montessori movement
- Study Dr. Maria Montessori's theories and philosophy

- 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
- Examine relationships between Montessori learning and communities
- Prepare a child study
- Create two learning projects



Beth Camp, Director of Montessori Plus School, practices sewing on a button in a training program.

- Compile guidelines for using Montessori materials in the classroom (a total of six albums and four notebooks)
- Integrate modern child development principles with the Montessori learning process
- Prepare weekly plans for group activities.

## 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. The internship is one-half day, for ten months.

Student teachers may intern at Montessori Plus School in either of our two Kent locations, or in other Montessori schools certified by MIA. The internship is one-half day, usually five days per week, for ten months. Student teachers may 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 certification and MACTE accreditation requirements. These supervised visits are provided to students of the training center in Washington by payment of a Field Supervision Fee. Attendance at four intern seminars will be required for local interns.

## 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 (in English and Korean) and at Small World Montessori School in Everett, WA (in Korean).

Two class cycles are available:

- School Year (250 Hours)
- Summer (230 Hours)

### School Year Classes:

All classes meet in Kent for orientation in mid-August. Beginning the last Saturday of August and running through mid-June, the Kent Tuesday evening class meets two Saturdays per month,

9 am – 4:30 pm, and Tuesday evenings, 4:30-9 pm.

### Korean Classes:

KENT: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30am - 2 pm.  
EVERETT: Mondays, 4:30-9pm, at Small World Montessori School in Everett, and two Saturdays per month in Kent from 9am - 4:30pm.

### Summer Classes:

The 230-hour summer class meets for 6.5 weeks from 9 am to 4:30 pm beginning in mid-June.

### Internship Assignments:

Study of DVDs of music, classroom leadership and internship guidelines is required during internship. These five DVDs may be checked out at no cost to students.

## MIA CERTIFICATION

MTP of WA is affiliated with the Montessori Institute of America, a national certifying organization, which awards the MIA certificate to students who satisfy all of the program requirements. Students must:

- Attend 20 hours of seminars during their internship. MTP intern seminars count toward these hours.
- 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 10-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.

MTP of WA onsite courses hold accredited status.  
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