The **Diploma of Montessori Leadership and Practice** offers Heads of Schools, Directors or others in leadership positions in Montessori schools or centres, the opportunity to gain a generalist understanding of Montessori principles and practices and further develop their leadership skills. The units in this non-award Diploma have been selected to provide candidates with a broad and relevant base of knowledge for their employment or for further study.

The Diploma Course is studied over a period of one year to a maximum of three years. Candidates will examine the challenges of providing quality pedagogy while developing leadership capabilities relevant to the Montessori context. The Units assist candidates to acquire knowledge and understanding of the Montessori approach across the range of ages. However, for specific Montessori knowledge, candidates choose two curriculum areas to study in more depth.

The first section of the course includes Montessori theory, leadership skills, governance and other related topics. The second section covers practical issues and Montessori curriculum.

### Qualification Entry

Teacher Registration or relevant professional experience.

### Course Structure

- **Four Theory Units** which include twelve (12) written assignments
- **Four Montessori Practice Units**, which include eight (8) Assignments, Observations and at least four Intensive Block Workshops (minimum of ten days)

Approximate study times for the various aspects of the Course are:

- **Theory and Curriculum Units** 400 hours
- **Workshops and Observations** 160 hours

TOTAL – 560 hours nominal

### Recognition of Prior Learning

The Montessori Institute is committed to recognising previous studies and other relevant prior learning that contributes towards satisfying requirements for its courses. Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) is an integral part of our service and everyone is entitled to apply.

An assessment fee of $290 is to be included with your proposal for RPL. Applicants will be advised of the cost of tuition fees and further work to be completed.

### Fees

- **Enrolment Fee** (does not include Workshops) $2500
- Montessori Institute Workshop fees are paid at time of registration @ $125 per day (up to 8 days in total).
  - **Note**: Fees are subject to annual increments
- Two Governance Workshop days to be sourced externally and fees will vary.

### Enrolment

An application form can be downloaded from the Montessori Institute website at [www.mwei.edu.au](http://www.mwei.edu.au) or email a request to info@mwei.edu.au
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<td>ML002 Montessori Philosophy &amp; Approach</td>
<td>Essential Montessori Principles and the role of the environment and the leader</td>
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<td>2 Assignments (including Action Research Project)</td>
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Course Readings

- Burke, K., & Burke, K. (2009) How to Assess Authentic Learning
- Covey, S. (2006) The 8th Habit
- Department of Education, Victoria Developmental Learning Framework for School Leaders
- Evans, R. (2010) Seven Secrets of the Savvy School Leader
- Foreman, P. (2005) Inclusion in Action

Articles and online databases are accessed through Student Login. Required texts may be purchased from the Institute online Book Store or borrowed at no cost from the Institute Library.
Why a Montessori Institute Course?

Montessori education is growing in Australia and there is a demand for qualified Montessori educators. The Graduate Diploma of Education (Montessori) and the Diploma of Early Childhood and Primary Education (Montessori) Institute courses meet national accreditation requirements and give a thorough grounding in Montessori philosophy, theory and curriculum practice covering 0-12 years:

- The only accredited Higher Education provider of Montessori qualifications in Australia with teacher registration for both Montessori and mainstream environments
- Graduate Diploma and Diploma are recognised by ACECQA (Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority) as Early Childhood qualifications
- Enrolment in courses at any time of the year
- Study and work at the same time
- Flexible, blended study at your own pace which includes written assignments, workshops, teaching practice and material making
- Written and practical examinations
- Workshops conducted regularly on the East and West Coast
- Full colour curriculum guides
- Experienced tutor to assist your study, as well as online student support
- Recognition of prior learning

About the Institute

The Montessori Institute is accredited with TEQSA (Tertiary Education and Quality Standards Agency) as a Non-University Provider of Higher Education. Established in 1983 as a not-for-profit organisation, the Institute is based in Perth, WA and has a long history of providing quality, well recognised, Montessori qualifications nationally.