

Diploma in Montessori Studies (3-6 years)



COURSE TITLE	DIPLOMA IN MONTESSORI STUDIES 3-6 YEARS														
COURSE DESCRIPTION	<p>The Diploma in Montessori Studies 3-6 years is a condensed course and is suitable for already qualified teachers, educators or assistants who need knowledge and understanding of Montessori education for the early years. The Modules prepare candidates with the knowledge and understanding of the Montessori philosophy and approach, as well as the specific Montessori curriculum, for 3-6 years. It is a non-accredited course and is not an Initial Teacher Education (ITE) course, so will not give candidates teacher registration.</p>														
COURSE DELIVERY	<p>Designed for educators who are working in schools or centres, the Diploma course can be completed in 18 months to two years full time (depending on availability of face-to-face workshops) and up to four years part time.</p> <p>Approximate study times for each of the five modules is 200 hours, 1000 hours in total.</p> <p>One week (35 hours) of Professional Experience is required for each Curriculum Module, after attendance at the associated workshop and in conjunction with the assignments. A total of 140 hours (four weeks).</p> <p>If the candidate is already employed, professional experience may be undertaken at place of employment, but a qualified and experienced Montessori teacher will need to supervise the experience.</p>														
PREREQUISITES	<p>Applicants will require:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Australian recognised qualification for their employment • or for assistants, a qualification which allows them to assist in the classroom. 														
COURSE STRUCTURE	<p>The Diploma is divided into five modules. Modules consist of Intensive Block Workshops, Assignments, Professional experience, Observations or Practical Activity and Materials/Resources (activities to be made or practiced with).</p> <p>They involve successfully passing each of the following:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="391 1283 1295 1518"> <tr> <td>• Workshop (attendance compulsory)</td> <td>Pass/Fail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Professional experience</td> <td>25% of total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Assignments</td> <td>75% of total</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Online assessment</td> <td>Pass/Fail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Resources/Materials</td> <td>Pass/Fail</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• 140 hours of Professional Experience</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>• One written and one practical examination at the end of the course of study.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	• Workshop (attendance compulsory)	Pass/Fail	• Professional experience	25% of total	• Assignments	75% of total	• Online assessment	Pass/Fail	• Resources/Materials	Pass/Fail	• 140 hours of Professional Experience		• One written and one practical examination at the end of the course of study.	
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CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING	<p>The Montessori Institute is committed to recognising prior studies and other relevant learning that contributes towards satisfying requirements for its courses. Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) is an integral part of our service, and everyone is entitled to apply.</p> <p>Further information is on the website or contact the Student Administrator to request an application form. An assessment fee of \$290 is to be included with your proposal for CPL. Applicants will be advised of credits, tuition fees and work to be completed.</p>														
<p>FEES Refer to schedule of fees on the Application Form. Fees are subject to annual increment</p>	<p>Enrolment fee (includes the first module enrolment) Curriculum Module fees Exam fees - For written paper and practical exam (paid in the final semester of study)</p> <p>An application form can be downloaded from the Montessori Institute website at www.mwei.edu.au or email a request to info@mwei.edu.au</p>														

COURSE MODULES	Module Title	Module Description	Workshops
MODULE IM 120 hours study time	INTRODUCTION TO MONTESSORI PHILOSOPHY	<p>This introductory module provides the opportunity to build an understanding of the importance of historical and social context on educational experiences and the history of Montessori education in Australia. You should examine, evaluate, analyse and compare Montessori and other educational theories and practices today. It provides for the developing of practical skills, strategies and competency in methods of observing and documenting children's development.</p>	<p>Introduction (1 day)</p> <p>Observation & Record Keeping (1 day)</p>
MODULE EF 220 hours study time	PREPARED ENVIRONMENT, PRACTICAL LIFE AND SENSORIAL	<p>This Module develops understanding of the importance of environments for learning. Students investigate how pedagogical considerations impact on children's indoor and outdoor experiences and learn how Montessori educators design, maintain and monitor quality environments. It provides for the developing of practical skills, strategies and competency in methods of observing and documenting children's development in conjunction with Montessori Geometry curriculum knowledge and understanding. Links are made to knowledge and understanding of National and State curriculum requirements.</p>	<p>Practical Life (3 days)</p> <p>Sensorial Education (3 days)</p>
MODULE DM 220 hours study time	FOUNDATIONS OF DEVELOPMENT AND MATHEMATICS CURRICULUM	<p>The module addresses Montessori and educational theories of pedagogy and child development. It also explores appropriate curriculum, practices and processes for numeracy learning across the domains of concept formation, linear & hierarchical numbers, decimal and other bases, patterns and order, mathematical reasoning and problem solving. It aims to develop understanding of the principles and delivery of a repertoire of strategies and resources, essential for effective mathematical learning in Montessori environments. Links are made to knowledge and understanding of National and State curriculum requirements.</p>	<p>3-6 Mathematics (4 days)</p>
MODULE AL 220 hours study time	ROLE OF ADULTS AND LANGUAGE CURRICULUM	<p>This module aims to develop an understanding of teachers' roles and responsibilities in Montessori classrooms. Teachers have an important role, and the module examines how this role may differ from a more traditional role. The module also offers the opportunity to build knowledge and skills in delivering appropriate curriculum for meeting children's developmental needs, including the principles and delivery of a repertoire of strategies and resources, essential for effective literacy learning as well as knowledge and understanding of National and State curriculum requirements.</p>	<p>3-6 Language (4 days)</p>
MODULE IC 220 hours study time	IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL CURRICULUM	<p>The module aims to develop understanding of children's learning in the areas of the humanities; social sciences; science; arts, technology, health and physical education. It introduces you to activities and experiences in Geography, History, Economics & Civics so children learn to understand the world through cross-cultural and interrelated studies across a range of experiences. Activities and experiences are structured so children see learning as a way of thinking and seeing the world. An emphasis is placed on hands-on investigations within interrelated studies emphasising the relation of science to technology and society today as a way of enabling children to become creative, happy and healthy members of society.</p>	<p>3-6 Introduction to Culture (5 days)</p>

Why a Montessori Institute Course?

Montessori education is growing in Australia and there is a demand for qualified educators. Montessori Institute courses meet national accreditation requirements (see below) and give a thorough grounding in Montessori philosophy, theory and curriculum practice.

- The only Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) accredited Higher Education provider of Montessori qualifications in Australia
- The Graduate Diploma of Education (Montessori) is recognised by the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership (AITSL) for Early Childhood & Primary teacher registration (see website for more information)
- The Graduate Diploma of Education (Montessori) 3-6 and the Diploma of Education (Montessori) 0-3 & 3-6, are recognised by the Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) as Early Childhood qualifications
- Variable enrolment dates for Module One
- Study and work at the same time
- Flexible, blended study, which includes written assignments, face to face workshops, professional experience 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
- Credit for prior learning (see website for details).



About the Institute

The Montessori Institute is accredited with the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA) as a Higher Education Provider. 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, accredited Montessori qualifications nationally.

Articles and online databases for students are accessed through Student Login. Required texts may be purchased from the Institute online Book Store or borrowed from the Institute Library.

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APPLICATION FORM 2023

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Please be advised that once enrolled, all work for a module needs to be completed by the expiry date (end of the Teaching Period – see Academic Calendar).

Course	<p>Enrolment and Module IM* - Introduction to Montessori Philosophy [] \$1200¹</p> <p>* Module IM must be enrolled in first</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Indicate below if enrolling in other Modules²</p>
Curriculum Modules	MODULE IC Community & Culture [] \$1500
	MODULE AL Role of Adults & Language [] \$1500
	MODULE DM Development & Mathematics [] \$1500
	MODULE EF Environment, Practical Life & Sensorial [] \$1500
Details	Surname:Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr (please circle) Male/Female/Other Given names:Date of birth: Address:State/Postcode:..... Email address: Mob.....Emergency Name/Mob Australian Citizen/Permanent Resident/Other (circle) Current Visa Class Does your Visa entitle you to study in Australia: Y/N Country of Birth:..... Year of arrival in Australia (if appropriate)Language spoken at home:..... Aboriginal/Torres Strait Islander: Y/N Working with Children Card No: USI ³ Number Occupation: Highest Educational Attainment of Parent 1 and Parent 2 School Level Completed Year left school Completion of Year 12 English: Y/N If no, provide evidence of alternative post-secondary qualification and/or other English proficiency attained (see brochure):..... Highest Qualifications Teaching or Montessori experience: How did you hear about our training courses? Please list with dates any Montessori Institute workshops previously attended:

¹ Module Fees are subject to annual increment

² Consult Student Administrator as to which modules are on offer for the semester

³ Unique Student Identifier. If you do not have one from school or tertiary studies, apply at – <https://www.usi.gov.au/higher-education>

Special Provisions	<p>Do you have any disability which may require special provisions on the course? Yes/No If so, please provide details:</p> <p>.....</p> <p>The Montessori Institute has a commitment to access and equity and any disclosure will not affect your enrolment.</p>
Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) may be granted upon application and submission of evidence. • Course enrolments are not transferable to another person or institution. Students may only apply for a refund within the period of 30 days from enrolment and will forfeit an administration fee of \$500. Please see Refund Policy in the Student Handbook available at www.mwei.edu.au • Students must enrol in at least one module per semester to maintain active enrolment in the course. Modules have end dates each Semester after which, if work is not completed, will be recorded as a fail. Students will need to re-enrol and pay the Module fee again. Any work completed to a satisfactory standard before this time, may be credited upon re-enrolment. A pass mark of 65% is required for all modules, assessments and examinations. • In some circumstances, students may request an extension or deferral of up to of one (1) year of the course duration. • Students must attend all workshops required for the relevant Module. If workshops are not offered in their State within their period of enrolment, students will need to travel to attend the required workshops to complete a Module. • The Montessori professional experience component must be undertaken in an approved Montessori or other classroom as per Study Guide instructions and must have a qualified Montessori supervisor. • A working with children clearance (or equivalent) and proof of COVID-19 vaccination (as required by state regulations and individual premises) will need to be provided before undertaking professional experience, classroom observations and face-to-face workshops. • Students must read the Montessori Institute COVID-19 Safety plan and complete a Self-Assessment form within 24 hours of workshop or professional experience attendance. • I understand that change to course requirements may be necessary, to meet current regulatory requirements as set by statutory, accreditation or government bodies. • Examination fees are paid separately at the time of sitting examinations. • Students will not be graduated if there are fees, library loans or monies outstanding.
Signature	<p>I have read and agree to the above conditions and to abide by the current Montessori Institute Code of Conduct Statement available to view at www.mwei.edu.au I will forward certified copies of my qualifications and photo I.D. (e.g. WWC/Blue Card/Driver's Licence)</p> <p>Signed:..... Date:.....</p>
Payment Options	<p>Payment methods, please tick your preference in the box provided.</p> <p>1. CREDIT CARD Please call (08) 6296 7900 with your credit card details <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>2. DIRECT TRANSFER TO MWEI BANK ACCOUNT: BSB 016 498 ACC 1999 99463 NAME: MWEI (Aust) Inc. Please send an email confirmation once deposit has been made with your name as a reference to accounts@mwei.edu.au <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>3. REQUEST AN INVOICE TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD OR DEBIT CARD Please allow at least 2 weeks for processing by this method of payment <input type="checkbox"/></p>



REQUIRED WORKSHOPS FOR DIPLOMA IN MONTESSORI STUDIES 3-6 YEARS

	3-6 YEARS WORKSHOPS
Module IM Introduction to Montessori Philosophy	Introduction to Montessori Theory and Philosophy Workshop (online component & one day face to face) Observation, Assessment & Record Keeping (1 day)
Module EG Prepared Environment, Practical Life & Sensorial Education	Practical Life (3 days) Sensorial Education (3 days)
Module AL Role of Adults & Language	Language 3-6 years (4 days)
Module DM Foundations of Development & Mathematics	Mathematics 3-6 years (4 days)
Module IC Importance of Community and Cultural Curriculum	Introduction to Culture (5 days)