

Offering Montessori Professional Development Programs for Child Care Centres

The Montessori Institute has developed a series of professional development sessions we can present to your staff. The sessions can assist your centre with familiarising or upskilling staff with an understanding of the Montessori approach.

The program and sessions can be adapted and modified to meet the particular needs of your staff and centre.



Costs*:	2 hours	Half Day (3.5hrs)	Full Day (7hrs)
5-10 participants:	\$ 950	\$1395	\$2150
11-20 participants:	\$1750	\$2300	\$3700
21-30 participants:	\$2250	\$3000	\$4800

(*not including GST).

Your professional development programs can also be supplemented with pre-recorded WEBINARS.

To register your interest and request further information, please contact 08 6296 7900

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The series of professional development workshops can be delivered in a format to suit your needs, in blocks of two hours, half a day or a full day.

Introduction to the Montessori Approach	Topics
<i>The importance of the environment and the adult</i> Gain understanding of ways to establish and manage educational environments and individual learning needs, based upon Montessori theory and philosophy.	Importance of environment Essential components Grouping of children Spaces and furniture Role and characteristics of the adult.
<i>Organisation of spaces, materials and activities</i> Gain understanding of ways to organise and choose materials and activities based on the Montessori approach.	Practicalities Choosing materials Choosing activities Organisation of spaces and activities
<i>How to support independence and choice</i> To have a sound philosophical basis for a range of classroom and behaviour management strategies and an awareness of and respect for individual differences.	Plan for success Intervention versus interruption Freedom and limits Managing behaviour
<i>Introduction to Practical Life</i> Gain understanding of the importance of practical life activities in a child's development and knowledge of how to plan for a child's learning needs by employing Montessori teaching materials, activities and strategies.	Importance of Practical Life exercises Purposes of Practical Life Choosing elements Guidelines for presentations Areas of Practical Life
<i>Introduction to Sensorial Education</i> Gain understanding of the importance of sensorial education in a child's development and knowledge of how to plan for a child's learning needs by employing Montessori teaching materials, activities and strategies.	Why Sensorial Education Sensorial Education and the brain Purposes of Sensorial Education Features of materials Areas of Sensorial Education Three Period Lessons
<i>Introduction to Montessori Language Activities</i> Gain understanding of the role of language in a child's development and knowledge of how to plan for a child's learning needs by employing Montessori teaching materials, activities and strategies.	What is Language? Language development Language areas Language experiences and activities Three Period Lessons
<i>Introduction to Montessori Mathematics Activities</i> Gain understanding of the role of mathematics in a child's development and knowledge of how to plan for a child's learning needs by employing Montessori teaching materials, activities and strategies.	What is Mathematics? Indirect and sensorial preparation for mathematics Characteristics of mathematical materials Mathematics experiences and activities
<i>Introduction to Montessori Culture Activities</i> Gain understanding of the role of culture in a child's development and knowledge of how to plan for a child's learning needs by employing Montessori teaching materials, activities and strategies.	Importance of Culture and community Culture and human tendencies Areas of Culture Cultural experiences and activities

These webinar recordings can be viewed at your leisure:

TOPICS	PROGRAMME	COST
Praise or Encouragement: How Should We Respond to Toddlers' Efforts? Approximately 1 Hour session	When a toddler proudly shows us their work, our instinct is often to say "Good job!" But is praise truly supportive of their development—or does it create dependence on adult approval? This thought-provoking webinar explores the Montessori approach to language in the first three years, examining the difference between praise and encouragement	\$49 per individual or \$89 for a school or centre
Creative Beginnings – Culture Curriculum: Art in Montessori 0–3 Years Approximately 1 Hour Session	Art is a joyful pathway for infants and toddlers to explore colour, texture, and form while developing independence and concentration. This webinar introduces the Montessori approach to art within the Culture curriculum for 0–3 years, highlighting freedom of expression, process over product, and respectful guidance.	\$49 per individual or \$89 for a school or centre
Creative Beginnings- Culture Curriculum: Music in Montessori 0-3 years. Approximately 1 Hour session	Music is a natural language for infants and toddlers, helping them connect, communicate, and explore the world. This webinar introduces the Montessori approach to music for 0–3-year-olds, emphasizing rhythm, movement, listening, and singing as tools for learning. Educators will discover practical strategies for creating joyful, age-appropriate musical experiences that support language development, concentration, coordination, and emotional expression.	\$49 per individual or \$89 for a school or centre
Should We Do Christmas Celebrations in the Montessori 0–3 Classroom? Approximately 1 Hour session	The festive season often raises questions for Montessori educators: Should we celebrate Christmas in the classroom, and if so, how? This thought-provoking webinar explores the Montessori approach to holidays with infants and toddlers, balancing the joy of tradition with respect for each child's developmental needs and family culture. Together we will reflect on the benefits and challenges of celebrating Christmas, consider inclusive practices, and discover simple, meaningful ways to bring beauty, calm, and community into the classroom without overwhelming young children.	\$49 per individual or \$89 for a school or centre
Follow the child. Observation as your superpower Approximately 1 Hour Session	Observation is at the heart of meaningful Montessori practice. This educator-focused webinar explores how careful, non-judgmental observation helps you truly follow the child, make intentional teaching decisions, and support development with confidence. Ideal for educators and students seeking practical, grounded guidance that can be applied immediately in real learning environments.	\$49 per individual or \$89 for a school or centre

The Absorbent Mind: Understanding the Early Years Approximately 1 Hour Session	Discover the magic of the Absorbent Mind! Explore how children naturally absorb knowledge from their surroundings and learn how Montessori principles nurture this remarkable stage of development.	\$49 per individual or \$89 for a school or centre
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About the Institute

The Montessori Institute is a Registered Training Organisation, RTO 45937. Established in 1983 as a not-for-profit organisation, the Institute has a long history of providing quality, well-recognised Montessori training.

Why a Montessori Institute Course?

Montessori education is growing in Australia and there is a demand for qualified educators. The training packages studied through the Montessori Institute meet national accreditation requirements and also provide an introduction to Montessori philosophy, theory and curriculum practice.

- Registered Training Organisation (RTO) number 45937.
- The Montessori Institute status as an RTO allows it to provide training and qualifications in line with the Australian Qualifications Framework. Only RTO's can deliver Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications under the Australian Government's Australian Skills Quality Authority.
- The CHC30125 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care and the CHC50125 Diploma in Early Childhood Education and Care are nationally accredited courses.
- Study and work at the same time.
- Flexible, blended study, which includes work-based placement, online and face-to-face training days and industry-relevant tasks and activities.
- Trainers and assessors are qualified in their field, holding a minimum of a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment. Our experienced trainers have worked as early childhood teachers and/or childcare centre managers. They can help you develop the practical skills employers are looking for.
- The main text and full colour curriculum guides to accompany training days are included in unit fees.
- Recognition of prior learning (see website for details).

