

MISSION

It is the mission of the Hope Montessori Educational Institute to ensure the transmission of quality Montessori education through the development of teachers and schools that nurture creativity, curiosity, compassion, respect and a joyfulness for life. Our objective extends beyond educating adult learners in the technical and procedural requirements for acquiring Montessori certification. At HMEI, certification is a byproduct of our mission to ignite our students' passion for the process of learning, to inspire them to explore and create new, innovative ways in which to extend and expand their own learning and that of the young students for whom they will soon be responsible. By preparing our teacher education students for the responsibilities of leadership within the global Montessori community, we will enable them to carry the spirit of Dr. Montessori's work into the future for the benefit of generations to come. Through the promotion and advancement of quality Montessori education, we hope to make a meaningful contribution to a more harmonious and peaceful world.



COMMITMENT

HMEI is dedicated to excellence, to advancement and to the promotion of quality Montessori teacher education around the world. We strive to support this vision by:

- First understanding, and then, supporting the needs of the students we serve;
- Making quality Montessori education accessible by expanding our teacher education programs domestically, and around the globe;
- Embracing and supporting research that will extend and expand our knowledge about learning and education in general and about the application of Montessori theory and philosophy, in particular;
- Investing in technology and harnessing its power within our teacher education programs to benefit not only our students, but ultimately, the children they will serve - tomorrow's leaders.



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Infant Toddler Montessori Training Program



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HMEI is a Montessori teacher training program for adults seeking to become professional Montessori teachers for children birth to 3 years of age. Our goal is to prepare students to meet the highest standards in the field of Montessori education. Based in St. Louis Missouri, HMEI attracts students from across the U.S. and around the world.

Affiliated
by American Montessori Society (AMS)

Accredited
by Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE)

Certified
to operate by the State of Missouri for Higher Education.

University Credit Available
Webster University
Lindenwood University
University of Missouri - St. Louis

Course Calendar

The Certificate Course is approximately twelve months in duration, with discrete Periods of Study designed to run consecutively, without interruption. In addition to the Periods of Study, two Advanced Seminars are required for Certification. The HMEI Infant Toddler Certification Course consists of five components and is structured as follows:

Period I

Foundational Development Period

Designed to insure that all students arrive at HMEI having read and studied the same introductory material.

Period II

Summer Academic Period

This period of study includes lectures, demonstrations, discussions, workshops and practice sessions.

Period III

Student Teaching Practicum Period

Provides students a real-world experience under the direct supervision of a qualified Montessori educator

Practicum Year Advanced Seminars

Students will participate in two weekend seminars (Friday evening through Sunday) – Fall and Spring – during the Student Teaching Practicum Period.

Course components include the following:

- ◆ Montessori Philosophy
- ◆ Pedagogy
- ◆ Environmental Design
- ◆ Child, Family, Community
- ◆ Observation
- ◆ Personal Growth and Development
- ◆ Program Leadership
- ◆ Child Development
- ◆ Technology
- ◆ Professional Development
- ◆ Three to Six Overview

