



Montessori Opportunities, Inc.
Early Childhood (ages 2.5 through 6 years)

Location: Providence Montessori School
1209 Texaco Rd.
Lexington KY 40508

Course Cycle

The Montessori Opportunities' Early Childhood Teacher Education Program is an 18-month program. Montessori Opportunities' Teacher Education Program is divided into two phases: the academic (instructional) phase and the practicum (student teaching) phase

Academic:

Summer I: June – July 2007

Summer II: June 2008

Seminars: 5 weekend seminars September 2007 – December 2008

Practicum: September 2007 through December 2008

Academic Phase:

The academic phase is comprised of both classroom instructional and independent study hours during two summers and seminar weekend hours during the school years

Practicum Phase:

The Practicum (Student Teaching) Phase begins in September following the first summer of training and continues for a minimum of one and one half school years. This component is comprised of 3 hours per day, 5 days a week in an approved Montessori environment.

Class time: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with 1 hour for lunch 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Tuition and Registration Fee:

Registration Fee: \$500.00 due with submission of application (non-refundable after 5/1/07)

Tuition: \$5500.00 due the first day of class

Total Registration Fee and Tuition: \$6,000.00

Student Financial Obligations:

Each student is responsible for all financial obligations as advertised. A student will not be recommended for certification until all financial obligations are paid.

Travel Reimbursement Fees:

Students who select an internship site located more than 50 miles from the Providence Montessori School location will be assessed an additional fee to cover reasonable transportation, food, and lodging expenses of the field supervisor.

Refund:

If Montessori Opportunities were to discontinue its program, before the program begins due to insufficient enrollment, the student will receive a prompt refund of the registration fee. If Montessori Opportunities discontinues the program after the program begins, the student will receive a prompt refund of any unused paid tuition.

Required Reading: (Books can either be purchased or borrowed from local libraries)

- All handouts
 - All albums
 - Chattin-McNichols, John. The Montessori Controversy. Delmar Publishers, Inc. Albany, NY.
 - Covey, Stephen. The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Franklin Covey Co, Salt Lake City, UT
 - E. M. Standing. Maria Montessori – Her Life and Work. Plume – Penguin Group, New York
 - Gordon, Cam. Together with Montessori.
 - Lillard, Paula Polk. Montessori Today – A Comprehensive Approach to Education from Birth to Adulthood. Schocken Books, New York.
 - Montessori, Maria. Discovery of the Child
 - Montessori, Maria. The Absorbent Mind
 - Montessori, Maria. Dr. Montessori's Own Handbook
- Additional books maybe required by instructors

Suggested list of supplies to bring to class:

- at least one 2 inch 3-ring binder for each course area
 - ❖ Philosophy & Child Development
 - ❖ Math
 - ❖ Language
 - ❖ Practical Life
 - ❖ Sensorial
 - ❖ Management
 - ❖ Art / Music / Movement / Peace
 - Dividers for these albums
 - notebook paper for note taking and writing utensil
 - colored pencils
 - Camera – Lessons must be illustrated and many work together as a group to photograph lessons during practice for album illustration.
- Additional supplies maybe required by instructors

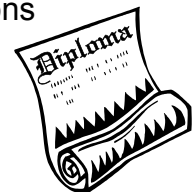
Student responsibilities:

- To attend all classes as scheduled
- To participate in class – discussions, practice, presentation, projects, readings, etc.
- To complete all assignments as per syllabus / instructor
- To pay all tuition and / or fees on time
- To provide supplies needed to complete required materials making

Recommendation for Montessori Certification

To be recommended for Montessori Certification a student must have:

1. A minimum of **90% attendance** at all academic and practicum sessions
2. **Passed** all course components assignments and exams
3. **Demonstrate** mastery of the Early Childhood Competencies
4. **Passed** the Montessori practicum experience
5. **Paid** all financial obligations to Montessori Opportunities



“It is necessary for the teacher to guide the child without letting him feel her presence too much, so that she may always be ready to supply the desired help, but may never be the obstacle between the child and his experience.” – Maria Montessori