

# THAILAND MONTESSORI TRAINING COURSES

## Course Information

### Dr. Maria Montessori

Maria Montessori was a truly remarkable woman. Born in 1870, she was the first woman to be granted a medical degree from an Italian University.

After graduation, Dr. Montessori became director of a school for intellectually disabled children. Her work with these children saw remarkable results. When they competed successfully in public examinations, Dr. Montessori began to wonder what could be possible using similar methods with normal children.

Her life work began in 1907 with a group of pre-school children from the slums of Rome, when she opened her famous "Casa dei Bambini" or "Children's House". Through her observations and work with these children she discovered their astonishing, almost effortless ability to learn. Children taught themselves! This simple but profound truth formed the cornerstone of her life-long pursuit of educational reform.



### Association Montessori Internationale

The Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) was established in 1929, by Dr Maria Montessori and her son Mario M. Montessori. The AMI is the recognised international authority on Montessori education and directs studies in affiliated teacher-training institutions around the world. During its long history the AMI has fostered the growth and development of Montessori education practices and standards through active work with member schools, teachers and educators. Regular study conferences of the AMI have served as important milestones in the development of new practices and the exchange of insights which have grown out of the application of Montessori to widely differing lands and cultures. The central aim of the AMI is to "maintain, propagate and further the ideas and principles of Dr. Maria Montessori for the full development of the human being".



### Montessori Teacher Education in Thailand

AMI Montessori Teacher Education was established in Thailand in 2006 in response to the rapidly growing interest of the public since Khunying Dr. Kasama Vorawan, Secretary General of Basic Education had instigated the Development of child potential by Montessori Method for small government schools in Nakornpathom Education Service Area One in 2004. By collaboration of the Office of Basic Education, Ministry of Education and Association Montessori Internationale both parties committed to seeing more children have access to Montessori education and recognized that the cornerstone of achieving this goal is the provision of high quality Montessori teacher training. The two parties will work together in partnership to provide Montessori teacher training, Montessori professional development, guidelines and support for the implementation of Montessori education to the highest standard, guidelines and support regarding materials and provision of optimal learning environments and the identification training of potential AMI Trainers to provide ongoing Montessori Training in ASEAN Region.



### The Montessori Approach

*"The Montessori Method is a system of education born from the observation of the needs of the children at every stage of their physical and psychological development. Its objective is to help the child with the enormous task of inner construction necessary to pass from childhood to full adulthood."*

Dr. Maria Montessori, Education for Human Development

Thus, this approach attempts to promote in children characteristics which will help them to develop into free and functionally independent adults with a clear vision of the world around them and their role in it.

In the education of the child the adult has an indispensable function. Guidance is essential to the human development of the child, provided this is offered with absolute respect for and trusts in the child's human potentialities. So the primary function of the teacher is not so much to teach as to direct the natural energy of the child.

A continuous focus of study during, the AMI Training for Teacher Model One, Primary Course (Summer Program) in year 2011-2012, is the characteristics of the child from 3 to 6 years of age, the needs expressed during this stage of development, and the means we have available to assist the child's work of self-construction.

## The Courses

### AMI Casa dei Bambini Training Course

The Casa dei Bambini Teacher Training Course prepares adults for the task of helping young children to develop the fullness of their individual human potential. The course provides an opportunity to study, in depth, Montessori pedagogy and practices including the characteristics of the child from 3 to 6 years of age, the needs expressed during this stage of development, and the means available to assist the child's work of self-construction.

#### Course Overview

- Psychology, child development and philosophy of the Montessori approach.
- The Exercises of Practical Life and the child's Acquisition of fundamental learning skills.
- Sensorial development.
- Development of spoken and written language.
- Mathematics.
- Geography, History, Art, Biology and Music.
- Supervised practice with the Montessori materials under guidance of qualified staff.
- Observation in AMI classes.
- Practice Teaching in AMI classes under supervision of the trainers.
- Material making.
- Preparation of albums containing illustrated notes of didactic materials.



In addition to attending Lectures which will be presented in English with immediate translation into Thai language, the students are required to attend workshops where the specialised materials will be available for practical experience, present a workbook and introduce the Montessori Philosophy in their schools.

The Courses is offered in "Blocks" format of 19 weeks scheduled in September-October and March-April. Observation and Practise Teaching in AMI qualified classrooms world-wide is offered between Block sessions.

#### Admission

There are two forms of admission to the course; Normal Admission and Special Admission. Candidates who have a Bachelors degree in Education or equivalent from a recognised University or College and who meet specified entry criteria will be granted Normal Admission. A limited number of candidates may be granted special admission status, i.e. those who do not hold the academic qualifications described above but who can satisfy the Admissions Committee that they have a reasonable likelihood of success in the course and who meet other entry criteria.

#### Course Fees \*

Include Tuition and Professional Membership Fees for ASEAN students:

140,000 THB

\*Discount rates available for early payments, 10% apply for late payment and booking is essential.

## The Casa die Bambini Courses Schedule\*

### The Block Format Course 2019-2021:

- In Class (19 weeks)

Block One: September 27 – October 25, 2019

Block Two: March 23- April 10 and April 20 – May 7, 2020

Block Three: September 25 – October 23, 1920

Block Four: March 22- April 9 and April 19-30, 2021

- Observation and Practice Teaching (8 weeks);

Nov / Dec 2019, Jan / Feb / Jun /Jul /Aug /Nov / Dec 2020 and Jan / Feb 2021

(Actual dates will be work out with students)

\*Schedule each block might be slightly change subject to prior notification.

## Course Venue

The Montessori Teacher Training Centre of Thailand, Plearnjit Road, Phon, Khonkaen, Thailand,

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## Graduation Requirements

The Early Childhood (3 - 6 years) Diploma of the Association Montessori Internationale is granted upon the successful completion of the course requirements. Taken into consideration are: regular attendance (minimum 90%) at lectures, observations, practical sessions with the materials, and practice teaching; submission of albums containing illustrated notes of didactic materials, preparation of specified classroom materials, written papers and practice teaching and observation reports. Passing grades must be achieved on written theory and practical examinations. In addition students must pass an oral examination conducted by a Board of Examiners from the Association Montessori Internationale.

All AMI Diplomas state only that the holder “has studied the principles and practice of the Montessori method for children” for the specified age group and has “passed the written and oral examinations.” The diploma by itself does not automatically qualify the holder to teach in any specific Country. The country and state in which the graduate wishes to work will likely have other teaching requirements which must be fulfilled.

## Montessori An Education Tool For You

Worldwide, there are several thousand Montessori schools and the growth in demand for quality education still exceeds availability. Association Montessori International Programme and career opportunities exist for graduates as the AMI diploma is internationally recognised for its high standard and authenticity.

*“With the support of the prepared adult, the child with his unlimited possibilities can be the transformer of humanity, just as he is its creator. The child brings us great hope and a new vision.” Dr Maria Montessori*

## Loading Application

Consult our representative or visit: [montessoriassthailand.org](http://montessoriassthailand.org)

## Lodging the Application

Please email the complete application and copy of the enclosures to [montessoriassthailand@gmail.com](mailto:montessoriassthailand@gmail.com)

## Enclosures with Application

1. A copy of passport or ID card
2. A copy of the highest certificate of education qualification

## Payment by Bank Transferring:

KRUNGTHAI BANK,  
Address: 319 Phitsanulok, Dusit, Bangkok 10300, Thailand  
Account name: Montessori Association of Thailand  
Account number: 059 0 06403 7  
Swift code: KRTHTHBK  
SA F: 3306994

Inform your payment: by email the payment slip to: [montessoriassothailand@gmail.com](mailto:montessoriassothailand@gmail.com)

## Payment dates:

### **By September 30, 2018**

One instalment: 129,000 baht, exclude bank fees,

### **By January 31, 2019**

One instalment: 135,000 baht, exclude bank fees,

### **By August 31, 2019**

One instalment: 140,000 baht, exclude bank fees,

## For further information

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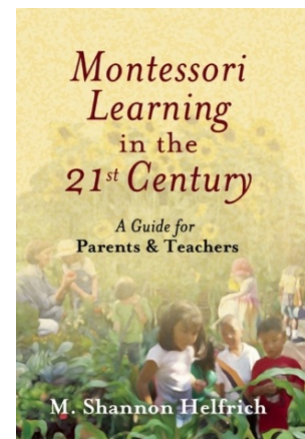
**The Director of Primary (3-6) Course: Thailand 2019-2021  
M. Shannon Helfrich**

Shannon Helfrich currently serves as the director of training for AMI Professional Development and Training of Trainers for Thailand and also serves at the Southwest Institute of Montessori Studies and for the Denver 3 - 6 course for Denver Public Schools. Shannon is a lecturer, consultant, examiner and trainer for AMI with an extensive background in the children's house environment.

She has been involved in the field of Montessori education since 1971. She is the former director of training at the Montessori Institute Northwest and the International Training Centre of Montessori Education of China in Hangzhou, China.

Shannon is the author of *Montessori Learning in the 21st Century*.

Experiences from her 40 years as a Montessori teacher and teacher's trainer to help the new schools those interested in applying Montessori program to serve parents and Montessori teachers for understanding the factors that influence learning for children throughout their years of development with neuropsychological research information on brain development, interaction with the environment and many anecdotes from classroom experiences to prepare children for the brave new world.



Shannon is the pioneer AMI trainer for Thailand and is on the Board Committee for the 29<sup>th</sup> International Montessori Congress 2021, Bangkok, Thailand.

The event will bring together participants around the world to share the powerful results of the Education for a New World. Building bridge to the biggest gathering of the latest Montessori pedagogy, it is time to address our outdated old factory model education. The ASEAN Montessori Forum 2019-2020 will invite you to join the forefront of alternative education models, the Montessori Method which turns the classroom around: the children learn at their own pace while teachers become facilitators to the child's own learning journey. Students of AMI Course in Thailand will gain insight information and hopefully their network will create more access of Montessori to children in ASEAN countries and region.



**29th International Montessori Congress, Bangkok, Thailand, 16 - 19 July 2021**

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Application Form



Surname: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Country of Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Education

Secondary – School(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Level Obtained: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Obtained	Institution Attended	Period Attended	Major Field	Minor Field

Other Studies: \_\_\_\_\_

Work

Current Employer: \_\_\_\_\_ Length of Employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

References

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Signature I declare that the information supplied is true and correct.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_