

# THAILAND AMI MONTESSORI TRAINING COURSE



## 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 Course (Summer Program) in year 2016-2017, 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 or other languages as needed) 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 are offered in "Blocks" format of 18 weeks in-classes, scheduled in March-May and October. Two weeks block for two observations and two practice teachings in Montessori schools in Thailand or country of student choice, scheduled through the years.

#### Admission

There are two forms of admission to the course; Normal Admission and Special Admission. Candidates who have a Bachelor 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:

MAT, AMI Professional Membership	9,000 Thai Baht
Tuition Fee:	
One Payment	120,000 Thai Baht
Three Instalments	150,000 Thai Baht (permanent resident)

Accommodation\* (option)

Student accommodation, airport-hotel transfers, and daily transport to training centre on class days.

    Single room/month                      11,500 Thai Baht

    Double room (sharing basis) /month      6,500 Thai Baht

\*Prices change with notification

## The Casa die Bambini Courses Schedule

### The 3-6 Block Format Course 2017-2018:

- In Class (18 weeks)

Block one	March 20 – April 21, 2017
Block two	October 2 – 27, 2017
Block three	March 19 – April 20, 2018
Block four	September 24 – October 20, 2018,

- Observation and Practice teaching (8 weeks);

July, November 2017 and January, July 2018 (actual dates will be work out with students)

## 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.

## Montessori is the Education Tool for You

There are thousands of Montessori schools worldwide 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, “The Absorbent Mind”, page 60*