

AMI Montessori Foundation Certificate Course Outline

Course Components

The AMI Foundation Certificate Course (3-6 Age Level) is an intensive full time programme designed to help interested adults to understand the development of children. The course will be delivered over five weeks. It opens the way for adults to assist the process of child development both at home and in school.

The programme introduces the philosophy underpinning Montessori practice and some basic practical skills useful in interacting with children. The course would be of interest to teachers working in Montessori schools, to parents and expecting parents, and childcare professionals from other fields. It would also be preparatory work for those considering the AMI 3-6 Diploma Course. Course work will consist of lectures, readings and discussion.

To be eligible to apply for the AMI Montessori Elementary Course (6-12 Age Level) applicants are required to have either the AMI Montessori Primary Diploma (3-6 Age Level) or an AMI Montessori Foundation Course Certificate.

Theory Lectures

The theory lectures offer the students the opportunity to examine the development of the whole child and the successive phases of child development. Special consideration is given to language, movement and independence leading to all-round development. The carefully prepared environment and the role and attitude of the adult will also be studied.

Practical Lectures

The course offers some of the key components of the work in the casa. An overview of the areas in the Montessori environment and their underlying principles are presented. The materials are discussed as the foundation of the work between 6 and 12.

Observation

Students are scheduled to attend three hours of observation during the course. During this time they are required to record and submit reports of their observations.

Assignments

Students need to submit written work at regular intervals during the course, which will include theory essays, a portfolio and observation reports. All assignments must be completed in order to receive the certificate.

Certificate

The AMI Montessori Foundation Certificate (3-6 Age Level) is awarded to those who complete all the requirements. In order to receive the Certificate, the applicant should:

- Submit all the assignments
- Complete the required hours of observation and submit an Observation Report
- Have 90% attendance.

Attendance

Students must have 90% attendance in order to receive the certificate. Students with attendance below 90% will not be eligible for an AMI certificate.

Eligibility

We welcome candidates from all walks of life and different professions. This course is open to anyone wishing to know more about the Montessori philosophy.