



AMI ASSISTANTS CERTIFICATE CHILDREN'S HOUSE (3-6)

An introduction to Montessori pedagogy and training for the role of assistant in a Montessori early childhood center or preschool classroom.

Focus of the Assistant's work:

The intention of the Assistants Course is to help interested adults become able assistants in a Montessori Children's House. The task of the Assistant is to support and help the director/directress maintain the equilibrium within the class.

- To observe
- To learn when and how to intervene (not interfere)
- To acquire the ability to allow the children to become more and more independent; "any unnecessary help is a hindrance to development"
- To gain knowledge of Montessori's understanding of Freedom and Discipline
- To acquire the ability to support the development of the child by assisting the teacher

Duration of the course program:

Sixty hours of Lectures and nine additional hours of observation. Specific topics to focus on will be given for observation.

Mandatory reading:

It is recommended that selected reading from the four books listed below be undertaken during the course to prepare the Assistants for further reading after the course.

- The Secret of Childhood
- The Child in the Family
- Education for a New World
- The Absorbent Mind

The Course Program:

- Introduction to Montessori-Maria Montessori's Life and Work
- The importance of the Children's House
- The trinomial of Montessori Methodology

- The Role of the Directress
- The Role of the Assistant
- Overview of the Planes of Development
- The Child's Mind from 0-6 years also touching upon Sensitive Periods
- Order: The importance of Order and Precision, with emphasis on the part Order plays in the development of the personality
- Movement 0-6: Development of Movement and its significance for the child
- Language: Development of, also taking into account the following elements:
 - Preparation of the adult
 - Use of language in general
 - Vocabulary – correct, precise, rich, scientifically exact
 - How to listen to children
 - How to elicit language
- Independence: Development of, also taking into account different levels of independence – physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual, as conditions for interdependence
- Prepared Environment: Home and Casa dei Bambini (the physical and the intangible)
- Freedom and Discipline: Understanding the concept of Freedom from the Montessori point of view and the growth of Discipline as an inner development
- Social Development
- Observation and its relevance (technique and recording of)
- Music and Art
- Maintaining the environment (indoor and outdoor)
- Part of each session should be dedicated to the reading and discussion of Maria Montessori's texts relevant to topics given.

Three hours shall be dedicated to:

- Having the Assistants practice basic movements such as walking within the environment, carrying trays, chairs, materials, etc.
- Opening and closing doors, drawers, etc., as a model for the children in a Montessori Prepared Environment;
- Essential grace and courtesy – greeting children, giving appropriate assistance in the cloakroom, etc.

Ten hours shall be dedicated to:

- Introducing the techniques for making, mending and maintaining materials

Further requirements for the student:

- Submission of three papers (500 words each) on topics set by the Trainer/Auxiliary Trainer, to be submitted by a date stipulated by the training center/organizing body.
- ***In order to obtain the Children's House Assistants Course Certificate a minimum of 90% attendance is required.***

Course structure:

Saturday, July 20th, 2019 to Saturday, July 27th, 2019

Breakdown:

Assistants Certificate Course 3-6 (Includes Conference "MONTESSORI TODAY")

**Presenters: MS. SYLVIA DORANTES (Italy)
PROF. RANIERO REGNI, Ph.D (Italy)**

Saturday 20th

AM: 9am to 1pm (Conference "MONTESSORI TODAY")

Location: "Grand Ballroom", Carleton Hotel of Oak Park, IL

PM: 2pm to 6pm (Assistants Certificate Course 3-6)

Location: Oak Park Montessori School – OPMS
16 Lathrop Ave, Forest Park, IL 60130

Sunday 21st

9am to 1pm (Conference "MONTESSORI TODAY")

Location: "Grand Ballroom", Carleton Hotel of Oak Park, IL

Monday 22nd - Saturday 27th

9am to 5pm (Assistants Certificate Course 3-6)

Location: Oak Park Montessori School – OPMS
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Fee: \$700.00 US.

***We have limited space available. We can only guarantee a spot once we receive full payment of the \$700 fee. If you would like to register for the course, please send us an email at amitrainingopms@gmail.com and we will send you a link where you can pay by credit card.**

Note:

Conference "Montessori Today" will be in Italian with interpretation to English. The rest of the Lectures are scheduled in Spanish with interpretation to English.