

ONLINE AMI MONTESSORI ORIENTATION COURSE FOR AGES 6-12

DATES: September 30 – November 13, 2024

TRAINER: Irena Mitrovic

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September 30; October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30; November 4, 6, 11, 13.

LANGUAGES:

English with Italian translation

COST:

€ 800

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

The AMI Montessori 6-12 Orientation Course is designed to provide an overview of child development during the ages of 6-12, serving as an introduction to the characteristics and developmental needs of children at this stage. It fosters a better understanding of this developmental phase and the Montessori educational approach for children of this age. Successfully completing all course requirements results in the issuance of an AMI Orientation Course certificate.

WHO IS THIS COURSE FOR?

This course is suitable for all adults interested in understanding the Montessori Method for children aged 6 to 12, including parents, grandparents, students, teachers, specialized educators, and school administrators.

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- Acquire a general knowledge of the Montessori approach to development and education.
- Understand the needs and characteristics of children aged 6 to 12.
- Gain insights into the prepared environment in Montessori elementary schools.
- Explore how an adult can best support the optimal development of this age group.
- Understand the overall importance of observation and learn how to observe.

DURATION AND COURSE SCHEDULE

35 hours of online classes (via Zoom platform):

- September 30: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 2: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 7: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 9: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 14: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 16: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 21: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 23: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 28: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- October 30: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- November 4: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- November 6: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- November 11: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)
- November 13: 18:30 - 21:00 (Italian time)

25 hours of guided, independent, and asynchronous work (readings, writing assignments, creative writing, drawing, brochure preparation, video viewing) (Canvas LMS)

- Before the Course: 5 hours
- From October 2 to 7: 4 hours
- From October 9 to 14: 3 hours
- From October 16 to 21: 4 hours
- From October 23 to 28: 3 hours
- From October 30 to November 4: 3 hours
- From November 6 to 13: 3 hours

Outside of the course program, participants will conduct 9 hours of observation. Specific instructions on how to conduct the observation will be provided during the course.

CONTENT

- Life and work of Maria Montessori
- Introduction to Montessori education
- Montessori Theory and Education
- Human needs and tendencies
- Four planes of development
- First plane of development
- Second plane of development

- Theory and techniques of observation
- Imagination in the second plane
- Cosmic Education
- Social and moral development of the child in the second plane of development
- Social relationships in an elementary classroom

PREPARED ENVIRONMENT

- The adult: role and preparation
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Outings
- Development of independence in the Second Plane

TRAINER – Irena Mitrovic

Irena Mitrovic is an AMI 6-12 Auxiliary Trainer. She holds a degree from the University of Belgrade (Territorial Planning, Faculty of Geography) and a master's in Science and Environmental Policy (Central European University). She obtained the AMI 6-12 diploma (Bergamo), the AMI 3-6 diploma (Munich), and the Adolescent Workshop certificate (Prague). She has worked for ten years with children of different ages in Serbia, including five years with children aged 6 to 12.

Irena has attended Parts 1 and 2 of the AMI Trainer Training program in Bergamo with Baiba Krumins Grazzini and currently works there.

REQUIRED READINGS

By Dr. Maria Montessori:

- "From Childhood to Adolescence"
- "To Educate the Human Potential"
- "Education and Peace"
- "Citizen of the World" (a collection of articles)
- "The Formation of Man"

Additional readings including articles and chapters from other books.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

- Minimum 90% attendance
- Preparation of three short essays (500 words) on topics set by the trainer
- Observations: 9 hours of observing children aged 6 to 12 in an AMI Montessori environment (or as agreed with the trainer), with notes and reports
- Submission of required independent work via Canvas LMS
- Satisfactory overall participation in the course