



Foundation Degree in Montessori Early Childhood Practice (FdA)

Who is this course for?

This course is for those wanting to start a career in Montessori education and wish to study further towards a degree level qualification.

Why study this course?

This course was developed to provide a degree level qualification for the Montessori community with scope to develop as graduate leaders and Early Years Teachers.

More about the course:

This course is delivered at MCI* and is validated by London Metropolitan University. Taught in small groups by Montessori specialists you will learn how to put Montessori knowledge and skills into practice working with young children.

Skills and experiences gained:

Montessori Centre International employability and work-based learning is a key aspect of the course. Full time, new entrants will learn how theory and practice work together while on professional placement. You will learn how to use the Montessori teaching materials and will study child development, observation and contemporary early childhood practice. At Level 5 you will be able to extend your understanding of Montessori philosophy and practice through critical analysis and further work based learning.

- Study at our London College
- Includes *Professional Placement* in a Montessori setting
- Meets the current Early Years Educator Criteria
- Student finance may be available for eligible students
- Progress to BA (Hons) Early Childhood Studies
- Fully supported by our innovative Virtual Learning Environment

Course start dates:

9 September 2019

Attend MCI 3 days per week,
2 days in an approved
Montessori setting

**Please note that the current London location of delivery may change to an alternative site within London.*

What will you study? – Course Content:

Level 4 (Year 1) modules: Montessori Early Childhood Curriculum 1 & 2 (which includes Montessori Philosophy and the Montessori areas of learning); Perspectives on Children's Development & Well-being; Professional Studies & Practitioner Placement 1

Level 5 (Year 2 modules): Approaches to Pedagogy & Curriculum in Early Childhood, Supporting Diversity in Early Childhood, Creative Thinking & Representation, Personal Social & Emotional Development, Professional Studies & Practitioner Placement 2.

After your studies...

MCI graduates have the knowledge and skills needed by the Montessori community; employability and work-based learning are key aspects of the training. MCI is part of the **Montessori St Nicholas Charity**, which incorporates the **Montessori Schools Association** and the **Montessori Evaluation and Accreditation Board** and has strong links with future employers.

You will gain a full and relevant qualification that meets the current Early Years Educator requirements. Most students choose to progress on to a full BA (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood, some then go on to PGCE or Early Years Teacher status or to Masters degrees.

Student Finance

For students to be eligible for SLC funding they must be studying on a designated course. Courses at this college are designated each year by the Department for Education. We have made an application for this course to also be designated for the 2019-20 academic year. We expect this process to be completed in early 2019.

Visit <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/reg/desig/cdforstudents/> for more information.

What our students say:

“Doing the Montessori Foundation Degree was the best thing I could have done. It has supported me through my Early Childhood Studies Degree and now my PGCE. I couldn't have asked for a better course and tutors. It truly was an amazing experience.” – Lucilla

Entrance Requirements:

be aged 18 or over

have one A Level at Grade C or above plus one additional A Level* (to a combined total of 40 UCAS points) or an equivalent qualification (e.g. CACHE level 3, BTEC)

have Maths & English GCSE at Grade C or above

if not a UK/EU citizen you will need a full & relevant visa for the duration of your studies (we are not able to accept applications from international students)

How to apply:

go online to find out more about MCI and its courses:
www.montessoritraining.org.uk

attend one of our open events – see our website for details

apply through **UCAS** (course ref: London Met X311)

if you have any questions you can email:

admissions@montessori.org.uk

or you can call us on:

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