Diploma in Montessori Pedagogy – Birth to Seven
(Early Years Educator)

**Who is this course for?**

This course is designed for those wanting to start a career in Montessori education with a nationally recognised qualification and want the flexibility of part-time or online study.

**Why study this course?**

This is a vocationally based course developed to meet the demand for well-qualified Montessori early childhood educators who can combine a range of skills with specific attitudes to children.

**Flexible Study Modes**

Study part-time flexibly over a maximum of 2 years. Study at one of our MCI centres one day per week over one year or join our growing body of students studying online via distance learning. We currently have centres in London, Essex and Hampshire.

**Blended Learning**

The international nature of Montessori education is reflected in our diverse student body studying worldwide with MCI. We have developed a blended learning approach which combines face to face and online learning using our innovative Virtual Learning Environment. This enables learners to communicate, reflect and collaborate, establishing a vibrant international community of Montessori learners fit for the 21st Century.

Find out more by visiting our blog – [www.mcivil.com](http://www.mcivil.com) – or ask for a guest pass from admissions@montessori.org.uk to try the course for yourself.

**Blended Learning options** – choose how you would like to study:

- **Part-time Attendance** at one of our MCI centres
- **Online** with attendance at an apparatus workshop
- **Complete the course within 2 years**

Includes Professional Placement in a Montessori setting

Nationally recognised CACHE qualification

Option to progress on to a Foundation Degree

**Study at Level 3 or Level 4**

**Course start dates:**

- **6 April 2020**
  Required attendance of 10 virtual classroom sessions across the year (Saturday)

- **31 August 2020**
  Required attendance of 10 virtual classroom sessions across the year (Thursday)
What will you study? – Course Content:

**Theoretical subjects:** Study Skills * Montessori Philosophy * Child Development and Observation * Contemporary Early Childhood Practice * Promoting Children's Health and Well-being

**Montessori Areas of Learning:** Activities of Everyday Living * Education of the Senses * Numeracy and Arithmetic * Literacy * Knowledge and Understanding of the World * Creativity

**Assessment:** You will be assessed through a variety of written assignments, a practical assessment and during your placement.

**Professional Placement:** You will apply your knowledge and skills on a professional placement of 400 hours in an approved Montessori setting, supported by an MCI tutor and a placement mentor.

**Online students** complete an apparatus workshop where you gain hands on experience with the Montessori materials. These workshops are held at a range of MCI approved locations in the UK and overseas. Full details are available on our website: montessori.org.uk

How will you study?

All students have access to the course materials online through our Virtual Learning Environment and follow the same timetable. College based students attend weekly sessions whilst online learners study with support from a dedicated tutor via email and video calling. All students interact together through online forum.

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. Students gain a full and relevant qualification that fully meets the current Early Years Educator requirements. MCI Diploma Level 4 graduates can also gain direct entry to Level 5 (Year 2) of our Foundation Degree and can then progress on to a full BA (Hons) Degree in Early Childhood.

What our students say:

“This is a transformative, heartfelt learning process. The community feeling online and the varied perspectives and infectious enthusiasm from the experienced tutors has been what’s made this course so special” – Brekke

Entrance Requirements:

- be aged 18 or over
- have at least 3 GCSE’s at Grade C or above including Maths & English*
- if English is not your first language you need IELTS 6.5
- if studying within the UK and not a UK/EU citizen you will need a full & relevant visa for the duration of your studies
- to study at Level 4 you also need to have one A Level at Grade C or above plus one additional A Level*

  *or NARIC statement of comparability

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

request a guest pass to the Virtual Learning Environment by contacting: admissions@montessori.org.uk

download and complete an application form from our website

Phone 020 7493 8300