



Montessori Institute

Teacher Education Program



Mission Statement

The City Garden Montessori Institute's Teacher Education Program exists to prepare Anti-Biased, Antiracist (ABAR) Montessori educators in public school environments; to increase access to Montessori training among Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and other historically marginalized groups; and to offer relevant, rigorous Montessori education to children and their families.

Why attend the Institute for your Elementary Montessori Teacher Credential?

The Institute was established to prepare educators in the Montessori public sector to meet the needs of all children within the context of their unique identities. *"We must tear out our hearts, cleanse them of prejudices and begin again so that the theory and the practice are one and the same..."* – Dr. Maria Montessori

Additionally, the educators in training at the Institute are engaged in culturally relevant pedagogy that prepares a rich environment centering and engaging Black, Indigenous, and other children of color, connecting them to a fully viable curriculum in which they will thrive. Our training is comprehensive and affordable. With low summer residency (about a month each summer), and online coursework during the academic year that is relevant to the life of the classroom, adult learners find a better balance of work, life, and training.

"We must always begin by acknowledging the social and historical context in which we operate. That context shapes in powerful ways how we think and act. One important dimension of that context is the fact that: American schools were never designed to educate everyone."
– Dr. Beverly Tatum

Reasons for Delivering Montessori ABAR Pedagogy in our Training

Systems of Oppression, Racism, and Privilege are present in our culture and in our Montessori institutions. Therefore, we Prepare the Culture for our Teacher Training by:

- bringing awareness to the manifestations of racism and privilege in our own lives, in the systems we create and support, and in our broader culture;
- working together with intentionality to dismantle and reorganize the systems that perpetuate racism and privilege within contemporary Montessori education;
- delivering anti-bias education and a culture of antiracism throughout the Montessori Teacher training experiences.

Tuition & Fees

Elementary I (6-9) or Elementary II (9-12) – \$10,000
Elementary I & II (6-12) – \$13,000

The cost of tuition includes the following:

MACTE Adult Learner Fee – \$166

AMS Student Learner Fee – \$240

METTC Album/Materials Licensing Fee – \$1,000

The adult learner is responsible for acquiring adult course texts that are not directly provided by the City Garden Montessori Institute (CGMI).



Course Calendars & Self-Directed Practicum

The following prerequisite courses ought to be taken prior to 7.12.21;

- ABAR Foundations Course
- Early Childhood Overview

Elementary Level I or II certification requires the following Academic Phases;

- Summer I Methods Courses in residence at City Garden (July 2021)
- Academic Year Courses asynchronous online (September 2021 - May 2022)
- Summer II Methods Courses in residence at City Garden (July 2022)
- Self-Directed Practicum Phase (August 2022 - May 2023)

Elementary Level I-II certification requires the following Academic Phases;

- Summer I Methods Courses in residence at City Garden (July 2021)
- Academic Year Courses asynchronous online (September 2021 - May 2022)
- Summer II Methods Courses in residence at City Garden (July 2022)
- Academic Year Seminars synchronous online (September 2021 - May 2022)
- Summer III Methods Courses in residence at City Garden (July 2023)
- Self-Directed Practicum Phase (September 2023 - May 2024)



Final Exams will be scheduled following successful completion of the Practicum Phase.

Current Programmatic Calendar

- **Academic Coursework Phase**
 1. Summer 2021
 - Intensive I, In Residence at City Garden: Daily sessions from 8:00 to 5:00, Mon-Fri
 2. Fall 2021 – Spring 2022 Academic Year I: Self-Paced Modules with weekly due dates;
 - Childhood development
 - Montessori philosophy
 - Classroom management
 - Curriculum design
 3. Summer 2022
 - Intensive IIA, In Residence at City Garden: Daily sessions from 8:00 to 5:00, Mon-Fri
- **Academic Year II: Self-Directed Practicum Phase**
 1. In Residence at Practicum Site for approximately nine months, not to total less than 1,080 hours
 2. 2021-2022 Practicum Seminars: Online Seminars from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
 - September 14th – Professional Learning Community Format – via Zoom
 - October 19th – Professional Learning Community Format – via Zoom
 - December 7th – Professional Learning Community Format – via Zoom
 - February 15th – Professional Learning Community Format – via Zoom
- **In Residence Practicum Seminars: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm**
 1. Saturday, November 5th, 2021 – 8 hours in residence at City Garden Montessori
 2. Saturday, January 28th, 2022 – 8 hours in residence at City Garden Montessori
 3. Saturday, April 22nd, 2022 – 8 hours in residence at City Garden Montessori
- **Year-long Action Research Practicum Project**
 1. Each project will be mutually scheduled with Institute faculty advisors.

*City Garden Montessori Institute is an applicant in good standing with the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) and American Montessori Society (AMS).
A MACTE/AMS Elementary Teaching Credential is highly sought after by schools all around the world.*