

AMI Montessori 12-18 Orientation Certificate Course

International Certificate Course on foundational Montessori theory and methodology for working with adolescents (12-18 years).

Goal of the Course: The intention of the international AMI Montessori Orientation Course is to help interested adults become able supporters of adolescents in Montessori environments. Lecture topics focus on describing the developmental needs of the adolescent and the components of an adolescent program, including the prepared environment, the role of the adult, and the plan of work and study.

This Course provides basic orientation to the work with adolescents in Montessori environments. It does not substitute the full Montessori training for Adolescent Guides!

Trainer: Jenny Hoglund, Sweden, AMI 6-12 and 12-18 trainer.

Co-trainers: John McNamara, Karl Brunn, Lesley Ann Patrik.

Duration: 56 hours of lectures and independent work total. 9 additional hours of obligatory observations. Specific instructions on how to observe will be given during the Course, taking into account the restrictions which may be imposed by Covid 19.

Course language:

- English, with interpretation of the spoken word to Czech and Hebrew. Students need to have an adequate level of understanding English, Czech, Slovakian or Hebrew to take the course.
- Written coursework, the written assignments, can be done in English, Czech, Slovakian, and Hebrew.
- If there is interest, the possibility of interpretation into other languages can be consulted with the Course Director.

Obligatory reading: Appendixes A, B and C from Childhood to Adolescence, The Social Newborn (AMI Communications) and The Oxford Lectures.

Requirements for Certification: Submission of three papers (500 words) on topics set by the Trainer(s) during the period of the Course. 9 hours of obligatory observation. Submission of observation notes and observation report. Submission of any other course work assigned by the Trainer(s). Minimum of 90% attendance. More information about requirements for certification will be given at the beginning of the Course.

The Course Content: Lectures, discussions and seminars are offered to introduce:

- Dr. Montessori's theory of Human Development
- Characteristics and needs of the Third Plane of Development
- Transition from and building on the first two Planes of Development
- A Centre for Study and Work, the Prepared Environment for the Third Plane (physical, social organisation, residential life)
- Preparation and role of the adults
- Social and Economic Independence and the pivotal role of Production and Exchange
- Work as a Human Right and privilege
- Dr. Montessori's Educational Syllabus
- Plans of Study and Work
- Three Period Learning Cycle
- Contribution of the Third Plane: To what end?
- Introduction to the technique of Seminar
- Introduction to the method of Observation
- Working with adolescents, colleagues, administrators, parents

Price: 800 Eur / 20 000 Kč. First part of the course fee in the amount of 400 Euro / 10 000 Kč is payable upon application. Second half of the payment is due before the third module of the course. Lead Montessori participants, schools which send 3 and more students and returning clients are entitled to a 15% discount which will be reflected in the 2nd payment.

Equal Opportunity Policy: MIP is committed to achieving equality of opportunity for all people who work and study at the Institute. If you have any special learning needs, and need any accommodation to help you or special support, please let us know during your application process.

How to apply: Enrollment criteria: adequate level of English, Czech, Slovakian or Hebrew to enable efficient study in the course, ability to study at a higher academic level, positive motivation to study and willingness to positively and constructively cooperate with the Course Director and Co-Director and the training center staff, filled out online application form and payment of the first part of the fee. Further, computer availability and good access to the Internet for the whole time of the course and a quiet place to study. When we receive your application package, we will review it and let you know the result of the enrollment process. Every student who fulfills the enrollment criteria will be accepted to the course.

Online format:

- There will be live lectures given by trainers on “Zoom” platform.
- Course work and course communication will be done on platform “Schoology”.
- The course requires general ability to use computers and the internet and willingness to learn to use Zoom and Schoology platforms.
- Students will receive technical support during the period of time when the course is given.