



Montessori Orientation to 3 - 6

The course is open to parents, grandparents, teachers, psychologists and anyone who is interested in understanding the child. Join us to learn more about the characteristics of the child in the age group of 3-6 years.

The course will:

- cover the aspects of this foundational developmental stage and allow an insight into how one can best support the development of this child
- introduce the participants to the idea of observation of children with a scientific eye in any environment
- give the participants some practical tips on how to engage children in this age group through simple yet effective methods

After successfully completing the course, students will receive a certificate from Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), The Netherlands. The certificate holder will then be qualified to assist in a Primary 3-6 Montessori Classroom.

WHEN: 28 September to 09 October 2020, 09:00 - 16:30

WHERE: Indaba Institute at the Sustainability Institute, Stellenbosch

FEES: Africa R10 000 per person / International R15 000 per person

ENROLLMENTS: Contact Nomvelo at admin@indabainstitute.org

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION

In order to receive the AMI Assistants Certificate, the applicant should:

- submit all of the assignments
- have 90% attendance
- complete 9 hours of observation

COURSE CONTENT

The Assistants Course brings together many fundamental aspects of Dr. Montessori's philosophy leading to an understanding of the child's capacities and powers.

Theory Lectures:

- stages of child development
- the child's mind
- development of language, movement and independence
- social development
- preparation of the environment
- role of the adult in a child's life
- observation
- order
- freedom and discipline
- music
- art

Assignments:

Participants will need to submit three pieces of written work at regular intervals during the course, based on the content during the lectures and presentations on the course. All assignments must be completed in order to receive the certificate. Original work must be submitted; any form of plagiarism will mean disqualification from the course.

Observation:

Nine hours of observation will help give perspective to the understanding gained from the lectures.

Required Reading

(Montessori-Pierson or Kalakshetra Publications. The Pierson books are available at the Indaba Institute)

- Montessori, Maria Education for New World
- Montessori, Maria From Childhood to Adolescence
- Montessori, Maria The Child in the Family
- Montessori, Maria The Secret of the Childhood

Recommended Reading

- Montessori, Maria What should you know about your Child
- Montessori, Maria Education and Peace

THE FACILITATOR

Pavithra Rajagopalan has worked with children for the last 19 years in formal, non-formal and informal settings. She is an AMI Primary Auxiliary Trainer. After gaining her AMI primary diploma in 2005, she worked in Montessori schools in India, the US and New Zealand. She has also worked to understand other systems and schools of thought in relation to child development. As part of her Training of Trainers, she trained under Ms Zarin Malva in Bombay. She also participated in the Asian Seminars. Pavithra is faculty at the Sir Ratan Tata Institute and helps on the courses in Bombay and Chandigarh in India.

