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# Master of Arts in Education

## for Montessori Center of Minnesota diploma students

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**The Montessori Center of Minnesota (MCM) and St. Catherine University Advanced Montessori Programs** have partnered to offer a new master's degree option for MCM students seeking a Montessori diploma.

Students taking courses for an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Primary or Elementary diploma through MCM may earn St. Catherine University graduate credit for these courses and complete a Master of Arts in Education.



# About the program of study

As a student in the MAED: Montessori Diploma option, you'll earn 32 graduate credits from St. Catherine University for Montessori Center of Minnesota (MCM) courses taken for your Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) diploma. **All 32 diploma credits are offered at MCM in St. Paul.**

To complete requirements for your master's degree, you'll take 10 additional credits of coursework (indicated by asterisks, below). **These 10 MAED credits are offered online.** Throughout the 42-credit program students have access to St. Catherine University's St. Paul campus facilities while taking courses at MCM.

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## Program of study: Primary

### Fall I

- Early Childhood Practical Life (1 cr.)
- Early Childhood Projects I (1 cr.)
- Early Childhood Projects II (1 cr.)
- Foundations and Theories of Montessori Education (2 cr.)
- Early Childhood Observations (1 credit each, 4 cr. total)
- Early Childhood Sensorial Education (1 cr.)
- Early Childhood Social Studies (1 cr.)
- Supervised Practice Lab: Early Childhood (2 cr.)
- Practical Aspects of Montessori (2 cr.)

### Spring I

- Early Childhood Student Teaching and Practicum I (2 cr.)
- Early Childhood Student Teaching and Practicum II (2 cr.)
- Early Childhood Student Teaching and Practicum III (2 cr.)
- Early Childhood Language Arts and Literacy (2 cr.)
- Early Childhood Science (1 cr.)
- Early Childhood Mathematics (2 cr.)
- Early Childhood Music and Movement (1 cr.)
- Early Childhood Art (1 cr.)
- Early Childhood Projects III (1 cr.)
- Supervised Practice Lab: Early Childhood (3 cr.)

### Summer I

- **Inclusion of Special Needs Children in the Classroom (3 cr.)\***

### Fall II

- **Introduction to Action Research (3 cr.)\***

### Spring II

- **Integration Seminar (3 cr.)\***
- **Action Research Project (1 cr.)\***

## Program of study: Elementary

### Summer I

- Elementary Supervised Practice Lab (2 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Social Studies and History (2 cr.)
- Theories of Montessori Education (2 cr.)

### Spring I

- Elementary Observation (1 cr.)
- Elementary Observation (1 cr.)

### Summer II

- Elementary Supervised Practice Lab (2 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Language Arts and Literacy I (2 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Biology (1 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Science (1 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Math I (2 cr.)

### Spring II

- Elementary Teaching Practicum I (3 cr.)
- Elementary Teaching Practicum II (3 cr.)

### Summer III

- Elementary Supervised Practice Lab (2 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Language Arts and Literacy II (2 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Art (1 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Music and Movement (1 cr.)
- Methods and Materials in Elementary Math II (2 cr.)
- Practical Aspects of Montessori Education (2 cr.)

### Fall III

- **Introduction to Action Research (3 cr.)\***

### Spring III

- **Integration Seminar (3 cr.)\***
- **Action Research Project (1 cr.)\***

### Summer IV

- **Inclusion of Special Needs Students in the Classroom (3 cr.)\***

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### \* Introduction to Action Research

In this online course, you'll begin planning ways to research a topic relevant to your own teaching. You'll learn how to review literature, formulate your research question and determine methods for collecting data. And, because this is "action" research, you'll think about ways to test this topic in your own school setting.

**\* Inclusion of Special Needs Students in the Classroom (online)**

### \* Integration Seminar

In this online course, you'll explore data collection techniques and strategies for interpreting data, and think about how you'll determine appropriate "actions" from your research.

### \* Action Research Project

In this online course, you'll carry out and complete your action research project in a school setting and begin reflecting on ways to integrate your findings into your work.

## Tuition

The 2015-16 tuition rate is **\$561 per credit**. At the current rate, the total tuition cost for this 42-credit master's program (MAED and AMI diploma) is approximately \$23,600.

However, students should expect total costs to be somewhat higher, depending on annual tuition increases. Rates for the 2016-17 academic year (begins June 1, 2016) will be announced in spring 2016.

## Other fees

	Payable to MCM	Payable to SCU
Application fee	\$50	–
Tuition deposit		\$100
Student activity fee (each term)		\$30
Technology fee (each term)		\$150
New student fee (first term only)	–	\$15
Graduation Fee (last term only)	–	\$120

Fees are subject to change each academic year. The one-time tuition deposit, payable in advance of initial enrollment, will be applied toward tuition charges for the first term. Students will incur additional expenses for books and supplies (approximately \$800 for primary diploma course, \$1800 for elementary diploma course), in addition to living expenses.

## Billing

Each academic term (Summer, Fall and Spring) you'll be billed electronically by St. Catherine University through the KatePay system. Typically, Summer courses are billed the first business day in June, Fall courses are billed Aug. 15, and Spring course are billed the first business day in January. For Fall and Spring, a four-month payment plan option is available. If students are aid eligible, financial aid is applied the first day of class.

## Financial aid

The Office of Financial Aid participates in federal student loan programs. St. Catherine/MCM joint MAED program students will have access to the Federal Direct Stafford Loan and the Federal Direct Grad PLUS Loan. Private education loans are also available. You may be eligible for tuition reimbursement, a stipend, or other benefits from your employer.

- **Questions?** Contact Catherine Flowers, graduate financial aid counselor (651-690-6607 or [caflowers@stkate.edu](mailto:caflowers@stkate.edu)) or the St. Catherine University Financial Aid Office at (651-690-6540) or see [stkate.edu/financialaid](http://stkate.edu/financialaid)

## When to start

Students start the Primary option each Fall. Students start the Elementary option every third Summer; the next opportunity to begin the Elementary option is Summer 2016.

## Applying for admission

To be considered for admission:

- 1) Apply first to the Montessori Center of Minnesota (MCM) Primary or Elementary diploma program ([montessoricentermn.org](http://montessoricentermn.org)). To MCM, you'll submit an application form, application fee, academic transcripts, autobiography and written responses to questions, three references and a resume or curriculum vitae.
- 2) Apply separately to St. Catherine University for admission as a Master of Arts in Education (MAED) student. Begin your MAED application as soon as possible after starting your application to MCM. To St. Catherine University, you'll submit:
  - a. An MAED application form. No separate application fee will be required for St. Kate's.
  - b. Official academic transcripts from all post-secondary institutions attended. (Even though you'll send official transcripts to MCM, you'll need to submit these same transcripts separately to St. Catherine University.)

The autobiography, resume and letters of recommendation submitted for your application to Montessori Center of Minnesota will be shared with St. Catherine University. These and all other items in your application file will be reviewed to evaluate your readiness for admission into the MAED: Montessori Diploma program.

See St. Kate's graduate admission site ([stkate.edu/graduate](http://stkate.edu/graduate)) to learn about additional steps you'll need to take if:

- Your cumulative post-secondary G.P.A. is below 3.0 on a 4.0 scale – you may be required to submit Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores.
- Your native language is not English – Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores may be required.
- You have completed a college or university degree outside the United States – your credentials will need to be reviewed by World Education Services.
- You are not a United States citizen – separate international admission procedures will apply.

### Submit all MAED admission materials to:

St. Catherine University  
Graduate Admission, #4027  
2004 Randolph Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

### MAED priority application deadlines:

**May 1** (to start in Summer) or **July 1** (to start in Fall)

- **Questions?** Contact Sylvia Alexander-Sedey, assistant director of admission (651-690-6243 or [swalexander@stkate.edu](mailto:swalexander@stkate.edu)).

# Master of Arts in Education: Montessori Diploma

## Application for Admission

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION FORM if you are seeking admission into the Master of Arts in Education: Montessori Diploma program. This option is available to individuals pursuing an Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) diploma through the Montessori Center of Minnesota, who also wish to earn graduate credit for their credential training and complete other requirements for a Master of Arts in Education degree from St. Catherine University. Students should first make separate application for admission to the Montessori Center of Minnesota AMI diploma program.

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Month Day Year

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CHECK ONE BOX ONLY

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident  U.S. visa holder (type) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other (specify country and citizenship status) \_\_\_\_\_

ENGLISH IS MY NATIVE LANGUAGE  Yes  No

If "no", what is your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

For which term and diploma option are you seeking admission? Check one of the following:

- Primary, beginning Fall 20\_\_\_\_\_ (students start the Primary program each Fall)
- Elementary, beginning Summer 20\_\_\_\_\_ (students start the Elementary program every third Summer; the next opportunity to start is Summer 2016)

**PREVIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION:** You must list ALL colleges and universities, professional and vocational schools you have attended. Attach an additional sheet if necessary. This should include all undergraduate and graduate education.

COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY — Identify location (Non-U.S. citizens also should list secondary schools)	DATES ATT'D FROM/ TO	DEGREE	DATE REC'D/ EXPECTED	MAJOR FIELD	GPA

The following information is optional and is requested for use on federal and state reports as well as institutional research. It is not used to determine one's eligibility for admission, nor will it be used in any type of discriminatory manner.

Ethnicity (check one):

- Hispanic/Latino
- Not Hispanic/Latino

Race (check all that apply):

- White
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- American Indian/Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Black/African-American
- African

Religious preference: \_\_\_\_\_

*You must sign and date this application.*

To the best of my knowledge, the information given above is true. I understand that misrepresentation of facts on this application will be cause for refusal of admission, cancellation of admission or suspension from St. Catherine University. By signing this application, I agree to abide by the policies and regulations of St. Catherine University.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

St. Catherine University admits students regardless of race, color, national and ethnic origin, sexual orientation, age, religion, creed, disability, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, membership or activity in state or local commission and sex to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accorded to or made available to students at the University.\*

\*The University does not admit men into its baccalaureate programs in the College for Women.

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