

MCM Teacher Training FAQ

Q: May I apply to the Primary course if I have no previous Montessori experience?

Yes! All of the knowledge a trainee needs to have to be successful as Montessori teacher is taught in the training. We are proud of the diverse backgrounds of all of our students and find this enriches the learning experience.

Q: May I apply to the Elementary course if I haven't taken the Primary course?

Yes. Students who have earned AMI Primary diplomas are not required to take the Foundation course that is mandatory for all other Elementary trainees.

Q: Do you offer financial aid?

MCM aims to increase access to Montessori education at all levels. Please see the comprehensive list of our scholarship packages [here](#) (link)

Q: Can I get my Masters or Bachelors while I take the training through MCM?

Primary and Elementary trainees can earn a master of education through our university partner. Click [here](#) for more information on the MAeD program. Primary trainees who do not have a Bachelors degree can earn one after the training through our college partner. Click [here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.

Q: Are any of the courses online?

The courses offered at MCM are not available online. There course handbook is available [here](#) and gives a detailed explanation of the number of hours spent in the areas of learning.

Q: What can I do with an AMI Montessori diploma?

MCM proudly boasts a 100% post-graduation employment rate. The majority of our graduates go on to work with children in a Montessori environment. An AMI diploma is recognized worldwide, enabling you to work schools in schools in the US and abroad. Additionally, some of our students have started their own AMI school and some move right into leadership positions within existing schools.

Q: When is payment due to the course?

Most Primary students pay tuition twice throughout the year — once at the beginning of the course in September and again in December. Students demonstrating financial need have

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occasionally set up alternate payment schedules with our financial person, but this is not the standard. Elementary students pay tuition at the start of each summer.

Scholarship FAQ

Q: Are people living outside the United States or people who are not U.S. citizens eligible for scholarships?

MCM welcomes international students and many come to our training through school sponsorships. Unfortunately, scholarship eligibility in the United States is limited to residents, individuals with visa sponsorship or some combination of the two. Additionally, in order to be eligible to apply for a visa to live in Minnesota and take the training, applicants must show the federal government proof of income to support their intention to study abroad.

Q: What does a "living stipend" mean?

Some of our scholarship packages include a monthly living stipend. This is meant to offset some of costs students incur while participating in the course. The stipend is \$1,000 per month.

Q: What does a "materials stipend" mean?

Some scholarships offer a materials stipend; this is used by the trainee to offset the costs of books and various course materials. The stipend is \$1,000 evenly disbursed in four payments.

Q: Which schools are considered part of *Montessori Partners Serving All Children*?

Currently, MCM partners with seven local, AMI accredited schools to provide education for underserved children. The schools are:

- Siembra Montessori, Centro Tyrone Guzman, (Minneapolis)
- Bright Water Montessori (North Minneapolis)
- Montessori Children's House, Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community (Prior Lake)
- Cornerstone Montessori School, Montessori Center of Minnesota (East St. Paul)
- Montessori American Indian Childcare Center (St. Paul)
- Hmoob Toj Siab, Hmong American Partnership (St. Paul)
- Casa de la Bella, Family Place (a day shelter for homeless families in St. Paul)

Q: How many hours would I be expected to work each week as part of the paid internship? What kind of work would I be doing and how would I be paid?

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If your scholarship award includes an internship, the paid internship contract totals \$9,600 and is paid out bi-monthly for the duration of the internship. The internship is 24 weeks long (the duration of the course) and assumes between 16-20 hours of work a week. Associated responsibilities and work tasks will be determined based on the skills and interests of the applicant and the needs of MCM.

Q: Am I still eligible for a scholarship if I miss the scholarship deadline?

Applicants are strongly encouraged to apply for scholarships and course admission by the deadlines. In every case, funding priority is given to those who submitted complete scholarship applications on or before the selected deadline. It is possible that if funds are still available after a deadline has passed, MCM will extend or re-open a scholarship opportunity.

Q: If I don't complete the course or the scholarship requirements, will I be penalized?

Some scholarship applicants (depending on which scholarship) to sign an agreement stating they will pay back tuition if they do not finish the course or fulfill the requirements of the scholarship. All steadfast requirements of the scholarship agreements will be fully disclosed during the acceptance process.