

Teaching & Learning Methods- How Each Module is delivered:

(STEPPING STONES units are parts of the modules and delivered accordingly)

YOU MAY START WITH THEORY MODULE OR MODULE A OR MODULE B

[Theory Module](#)

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THEORY MODULE

100% online study including

- Reading about Montessori theory online—6 chapters
- Self assessments and reflective exercises, reading Dr. Montessori's books
- Long and short questions for each chapter
- Chat rooms in real time
- Discussion boards
- Tutor support

Approximately 450 hours study including:

- Online study
- Reading
- Student assignments
- Student project presented to peers comparing Montessori to another educator
- Home written examination

Studied from November to June each year:

- Fast track over one season
- Slow track over two seasons
- Online home examination in June each year

PRACTICAL MODULES A & B

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Modules A & B in alternate years

- Module A 2009/11/13
- Module B 2010/12/14
- You may start with Module A OR Module B

Two workshops EACH year for EACH module

- Summer — learn about and practice with materials =10 days
- Autumn—assessment and examination =3.5days

Approximately 250 hours study for each module including:

- Workshops
- Student assignments (albums/files, materials, projects)
- Practical examination

How many years? - A minimum of two summers/autumns

CLASSROOM PRACTICE MODULE

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Approximately 250 hours study (100 for second age group) including:

- Hours spent working with children in Montessori and other settings
- Student assignments (reflection, logbook and observations)
- Second or subsequent age group requires half the number of practice hours.

You identify a Montessori school / centre near you for the age group you are studying.

- This school should be recognised by Waterpark.
- Guided by your tutor you will arrange practice weeks.

The practice hours required are as follows:

- 0 -3 Infant Toddler: 2 weeks with individual infants/toddlers; 2 weeks in Montessori centre;20 hours unsupervised
- 3-6 Pre-School: 4 weeks in Montessori classroom 3-6; 20 hours with children unsupervised

- 6-9 Lower School : 2 weeks in Montessori classroom 6-9; 2 weeks Montessori classroom 6-12; 20 hours unsupervised
- 9-12 Middle School: 2 weeks in Montessori classroom 9-12; 2 weeks Montessori classroom 6-12; 20 hours unsupervised
- Adolescent: 2 weeks in Montessori adolescent classroom; 2 weeks 3-12 Montessori classrooms; 20 hours unsupervised

Curriculum Overview

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INFANT TODDLER 0-3 YEARS

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Outline of Montessori Principles and practice 0-6 Years
Child Development 0-3 years
Pre-natal development & Preparing for Birth
Montessori Theoretical Principles 0-3 Years
The Prepared Environment –birth, newborn, infant, toddler
Observation
Workplace Practice 0-3 years
Educating and Working with Parents
Observation reports
Reflective practice
Curriculum 0-3 years
Language 0-3 years
Movement 0-3 years
Developmental Daily Activities 0-2.5 years
Practical Life 2.5-3.5 years
Early Sensorial Education 2.5 – 3.5 years

PRE-SCHOOL 3-6 YEARS

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Outline of Montessori Principles and practice 0-3 Years
Montessori Theoretical Principles 3-6 Years
Practical Life 3-6 Years
Sensorial Education 3-6 Years
Mathematics 3-6 Years
Language 3-6 Years
Cultural Subjects 3-6 Years
Creative Arts
Outdoor Activities
Classroom Practice 3-6 Years
Observation reports
Reflective practice
Curriculum 3-6 Years

LOWER SCHOOL 6-9 YEARS

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Outline of Montessori Principles and Practice 0-6 Years
Montessori Theoretical Principles 6-12 Years

Cosmic Education
Mathematics 6-9 Years
Language 6-9 Years
Cultural Subjects 6-9 Years
Creative Arts
Classroom Practice 6-9 Years
Observation reports
Reflective practice
Curriculum 6-9 Years

MIDDLE SCHOOL 9-12 YEARS

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Outline of Montessori Principles and Practice 0-9 Years
Montessori Theoretical Principles 6-12 Years
Cosmic Education
Mathematics 9-12 Years
Use of school text books
Language 9-12 Years
Cultural Subjects 9-12 Years
Classroom Practice 6-12 Years
Observation reports
Reflective practice
Curriculum 6-12 Years

ADOLESCENT 12+ YEARS

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Outline of Montessori Principles and Practice 0-12 Years
Montessori Theoretical Principles – Adolescent years
Examination of Erdkinder principles and practice in modern context
Montessori Materials adapted for Adolescent Years
Cosmic Education 12+ Years
Curriculum 12+ Years
Classroom Observation 3-12 Years
Classroom Practice 12+ Years
Observation reports
Reflective practice