

## BEFORE CONSIDERING A CAREER IN MONTESSORI EDUCATION:

We encourage those interested in a Montessori program to visit a Montessori school before deciding to enroll. In the Chestnut Hill area, Norwood-Fontbonne Academy is our “lab school.” Observers are always welcome to call 215.242.1611 for an appointment to observe in a Montessori Early Childhood environment. Other Montessori schools also may welcome observers. The American Montessori Society website, [www.amshq.org](http://www.amshq.org), provides a national directory.

Reading about the Montessori philosophy can be helpful in determining if Montessori education is the right fit for you. There are many books by and about Maria Montessori and her method and pedagogical approach to children. We recommend *Montessori: A Modern Approach* by Paula Polk Lillard. Other suggested books and information may be found on the AMS website: [www.amshq.org](http://www.amshq.org).

For course descriptions and more information, see the current online School of Graduate Studies catalog at [www.chc.edu/graduate](http://www.chc.edu/graduate).



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# MONTESSORI EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER



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“The training of the teacher who is to help life is something far more than a learning of ideas. It includes the training of character; it is a preparation of the spirit.”

*Maria Montessori*

## THE MONTESSORI TEACHER EDUCATION PROGRAM AT CHESTNUT HILL COLLEGE

The Montessori Teacher Education Program is a specialization under the Early Education Program at Chestnut Hill College. Courses on the philosophy and educational theory of Dr. Maria Montessori and the application of her method in the classroom prepare students for the nine-month internship phase in a Montessori school. Completion of this program qualifies a student for an Early Childhood Credential from the American Montessori Society (AMS), entitling the graduate to work with children from the age of two and a half to six years in a Montessori environment.

Chestnut Hill College's program is an affiliate of the AMS ([www.amshq.org](http://www.amshq.org)) and is accredited by the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE). [www.macte.org](http://www.macte.org)

### Program Options:

- M.Ed. in Early Education with Montessori Certificate
- Montessori Certificate, Graduate Credit
- Montessori Certificate, Non-Credit
- Act 48 credits available

Undergraduate Students: With approval from your academic advisor, courses may be taken for undergraduate elective credit.



### MONTESSORI EDUCATION HAS A PHILOSOPHY OF CHILD GROWTH AND LEARNING THAT FOCUSES ON:

- designing an environment in which young children may learn and develop at their own pace;
- implementing a curriculum that adapts to the individual needs of young children while fostering creativity, personal responsibility, and respect for others and the earth;
- preparing students to gain specific insights and sensitivities toward the child's total development: mind, body, and spirit.

The spirit and character of a teacher are as important in the lives of the children as the teaching of skills and sharing of knowledge. The CHC Montessori faculty is committed to both nurturing and empowering teachers.

At Chestnut Hill College, the Montessori specialization offers an exciting alternative and an interesting perspective for those who desire to work with young children.

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

The Montessori certificate program consists of seven (7) courses plus a year-long internship. Courses are offered during the fall and spring semesters; some courses are also available as one-week intensive sessions during the summer. Note: Students must take either the Montessori Philosophy & Education Theory or the Montessori Everyday Living/Art course as a prerequisite for all other Montessori courses.

### COURSE LISTING:

- Montessori: Philosophy & Education Theory
- Montessori: Everyday Living/Art
- Montessori: Sensorial/Music
- Montessori: Mathematics
- Montessori: Language
- Montessori: Natural and Social Sciences
- Montessori: Education for Peace
- Montessori: Practicum/Internship
- Montessori Seminar
- Child Development/Psychology (required, if not previously taken at a college level)

