

Course Syllabus

Course Title: Montessori 1: Practical Life Exercises

Course Description:

The first module in the Montessori Pre-Primary Teacher Training program focuses on curriculum activities designed to prepare the child for real life experiences and to develop the child's independence and self-confidence. The individual exercises develop the child's hand-eye coordination, large and small muscle control, care of self and the environment. The first hour of instruction each session is devoted to the study of classroom management and the Montessori philosophy.

Course Prerequisite(s):

Student must have a high school diploma and be able to write and speak English fluently

Course Objectives:

1. Focus on activities designed to prepare child for real life experiences
2. Develop child's independence and self-confidence
3. Develop child's hand-eye coordination, large and small muscle control
4. Develop child's care of self and the environment
5. Understand classroom management and the Montessori philosophy

Instructor Notes:

The Montessori Pre-Primary Teacher Training Program is rooted in the traditional concepts developed by Dr. Maria Montessori and in her belief that, "there are many who hold as I do, that the most important period of life is not the age of university studies, but the first one, the period from birth to the age of six. For that is the time when man's intelligence itself, his greatest implement is being formed." The 120-hour certification program is designed to prepare individuals for instructional positions within pre-primary Montessori programs and schools. Instruction focuses on classroom management techniques, child development, and the Montessori philosophy. The program is presented in five, 24-hour modules. Students enrolled in the program must have a sponsored internship established with a Montessori school under the direction of a trained Montessori teacher within the second six weeks of the program.

Textbook(s):

None

Lesson Plan – by week or session

- Session 1: Classroom management and philosophy.
- Session 2: Montessori teacher roles and responsibilities.
Present the characteristics of the individual lessons.
Classroom rules and procedures.
- Session 3: Discuss handouts: Montessori teacher job descriptions, time managements, etc.
- Session 4: Show Nienhuis Montessori video.
Testing and evaluation of students.
Parent/teacher conference forms.
Circle time with all students.
- Session 5: Circle time activities.

Session 6: Individual classroom presentations of Montessori materials.
Lesson plan forms.
Craft time activity.
Classroom mechanics II.