Online AMI 0-3
Assistants Certificate Course

International Certificate Course for Assistants in a Montessori Infant and Toddler Community.

Goal of the Course: The intention of the international AMI Assistants Certificate Course is to help interested adults become able assistants in a Montessori Infant and Toddler Community. In a Montessori classroom, the assistant supports the lead teacher and helps him/her to create and retain balance. He/she observes children and knows when to intervene and when to withhold from helping. He/she knows how to support children in developing independence and has a deep understanding of Montessori's approach to freedom and discipline. He/she is a great supporter for the lead teacher and for the child.

Trainer: Heidi Philippart, Netherlands, AMI 0-3 Trainer.

Duration: Approximately 48 hours of lectures and independent work. 9 additional hours of obligatory observations. Specific instructions on how to observe will be given during the Course, taking into account the restrictions which may be imposed by Covid 19.

Daily Schedule: The course hours are given in Central European Time. For a detailed course schedule check out the Course Schedule document.

Course language:
- English, with interpretation of the spoken word to Czech and other languages announced on the website. Students need to have an adequate level of understanding of English, Czech other languages of the course, to succeed in the course.
- Written coursework, the written assignments, can be done in English, Czech and other announced languages.
- If there is interest, the possibility of interpretation into other languages, other than already announced, can be consulted with the Course Director.

Obligatory reading: Selected reading from Understanding the Human Being, The Child in the Family, Education for a New World, 1946 Lectures and The Absorbent Mind will be done during the Course.

Requirements for Certification: Submission of three papers (500 words) on topics set by the Trainer during the period of the Course. 9 hours of obligatory observation. Submission of observation notes and observation report. Submission of any other Course work assigned by the Trainer. Submission of handmade materials - mobiles and language cards. Submission of a video of the three period lesson. Minimum of 90% attendance. More information about requirements for certification will be given at the beginning of the Course.

The Course Content:
I.   Introduction to Montessori
II.   The Role of the Directress
III.   The Role of the Assistant
IV.   Overview of the Planes of Development
V.   The Child's Mind from 0-6 years
VI.   Order
VII.   Movement 0-3
VIII.   Language

IX.   Independence
X.   Prepared environment
XI.   Freedom and Discipline
XII.   Observation
XIII.   Music and Art
XIV.   Maintaining the Environment
XV: Toilet Learning
XVI: Material Making

Price: 800 Eur / 20 000 Kč. An invoice is issued and needs to be paid during the process of registration.

Equal Opportunity Policy:

MIP is committed to achieving equality of opportunity for all people who work and study at the Institute. If you have any special learning needs, and need any accommodation to help you or special support, please let us know during your application process.

How to apply: Enrollment criteria: adequate level of English, Czech and other approved languages of the course, to enable efficient study in the course, ability to study at a higher academic level, positive motivation to study and willingness to positively and constructively cooperate with the Course Director and the training center staff, filled out online application form and payment of the first part of the fee. Further, computer availability and good access to the Internet for the whole time of the course and a quiet place to study. When we receive your application package, we will review it and let you know the result of the enrollment process. Every student who fulfills the enrollment criteria will be accepted to the course.

Online format:

- There will be live lectures given by trainers on "Zoom" platform.
- Course work and course communication will be done on platform "Schoology".
- The course requires general ability to use computers and the internet and willingness to learn to use Zoom and Schoology platforms.
- Students will receive technical support during the period of time when the course is given.