

Early Childhood Teaching Diploma \The Montessori Method

Dr. Maria Montessori founded a theory of education that has had a profound influence on the lives of thousands of children throughout the world since the beginning of the 20th Century. She wrote that education should "... help the individual from birth and protect his environment". From this crucial idea the whole of Montessori's theory, her recommendation for educational practice including the organisation of the environment, the curriculum and the important role of the educator, have developed.

The International Centre for Montessori Education (ICME) was established to promote the Montessori Method internationally and to make it possible for teachers in early years day care, kindergarten and school programmes to benefit from this approach.

Our aim is to provide our students with the knowledge, skills and practical experience needed to apply Montessori's ideas and teaching methods when caring for children in the home or working with them in an early childhood setting.

Educational Aims

- To develop a high level of professional competence in students so that they are well able to teach children from 2½ to 6 years, including knowledge of:
 - Montessori ideas and principles.
 - Developmental psychology.
 - The child, the adult and the society.
 - Montessori didactic materials
 - Practical life exercises
 - Sensorial
 - Language and literacy
 - Mathematics
 - Cultural and environmental studies
 - Creative Subjects
 - School management procedures and practice