

# International Centre for Montessori Education Limited

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## 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 development”. 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

### Structure Of The Course

- Students study over a period of one academic year. Students attend three sessions of lectures per week at The Alriyadi Cultural Centre For Modern Teaching Methods .
- The course is taught in both languages \ English or Arabic
- There are a minimum of 278 contact hours with a tutor and 400 hours of practicum time in a Montessori classroom .

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- Students are taught by lectures and discussions. Audio-visual methods and materials are used. The Montessori materials are also demonstrated.
- Students are given a CD which covers the course contents but which the students are expected to supplement with their own files and other materials.
- Compulsory course Books:  
“The Absorbent Mind”, Maria Montessori  
“The Montessori Method”, Maria Montessori  
“Discovery of the child”, Maria Montessori

## Learning Outcomes

On completion of the course students will:

- Demonstrate a knowledge of the Montessori Method and know how to apply it in the classroom through the prepared environment
- Demonstrate an ability to observe and interpret children’s behaviour and, through a well-designed curriculum, know how to provide developmental activities that match their assessment of the children
- Know how to evaluate children’s individual progress, keep appropriate records and write professional reports
- Have a knowledge of the child’s position in society and know about the laws that pertain thereto.
- Know how to use appropriately all the Montessori materials designed for this age group in areas of practical life, sensorial, mathematics, reading and writing, cultural subjects, and creative studies.
- Demonstrate an awareness of community resources.
- Demonstrate an ability to work in partnership with parents.
- Acquire an in-depth knowledge of child development and educational psychology, and how to apply this knowledge to their role as a teacher.

The methods of evaluation of these outcomes and assessing students’ performance includes a combination of the following:

1. Personal tutorial support, face to face.
2. Course work which includes writing essays, observation, three lesson presentations, preparation of Montessori files and a project.
3. Written examinations
4. Viva examinations during which students demonstrate use of selected pieces of Montessori apparatus.
5. The Course is certified by the ICME and the Jordanian Ministry of Education

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