

PCTE Assistant Teacher Course 2024

Prepare your staff with the foundation of Montessori philosophy!

Description:

*The asynchronous Montessori Assistant Course is recommended for assistants in Infant-Toddler, Early Childhood and Elementary classrooms, staff members who are new to Montessori, administration, caregivers, and employees who may not work directly with children but share their community. This course **can be taken at any time of the year** and covers the overall guiding principles that create a successful Montessori classroom. Details in Montessori philosophy and the management of the classroom will be covered in order to understand the application of principles, such as: grace and courtesy, respect, individualized learning and independence. Videos and photos are included as valuable resources to demonstrate lessons, show shelf design, and model preparation of the environment.*

This class includes 20 hours of content and an option to submit reflection papers for a professional development certificate of 30 hours. A PCTE facilitator will respond to all submissions. The topics of the course are listed below. You will receive a certificate for 30 professional development hours only upon completion of course reflections papers.

The fee for the Assistant Course is \$700. Register here: [PCTE Assistant Teacher Course](#)

Module 1: Montessori Timeline of Life & Work
Module 2: An Overview of the Principles of Montessori Philosophy
Module 3: Respect for Self, Others, and the Environment
Module 4: Planes of Development
Module 5: Human Tendencies
Module 6: An Overview of the Montessori Environment
Module 7: Areas of the Montessori Environment: Practical Life and Art
Module 8: Areas of the Montessori Environment: Sensorial for EC and I-T, Geometry for EL
Module 9: Areas of the Montessori Environment: Math
Module 10: Areas of the Montessori Environment: Language
Module 11: Areas of the Montessori Environment: Physical Science (Botany and Zoology)
Module 12: Areas of the Montessori Environment: Social Studies/Cultural
Module 13: Observation

Module 14: Guidelines for Assistants
Module 15: Daily Classroom Preparation
Module 16: Positive Discipline, Language, and Redirection
Module 17: Montessori 3 Levels of Obedience
Module 18: Circle Time and Transition Activities
Module 19: Montessori Terminology
Module 20: 3 period Lesson



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Testimonials from Course Graduates:

"This course made me see more clearly how concrete experiences could build towards developing abstract skills."

*"Another main thread I found to be running through this course was **following the child**, whether this is paying attention to their development, recognizing their interests or looking for social/emotional needs and responding accordingly."*

"I learned the concept of positive discipline and how we can convey the same message, but in a more respectful manner, which in turn brings a higher chance that the child will listen, understand and follow."

"This course has helped me with preparedness and understanding of Montessori education. This has definitely given me confidence in my work and become an even better teacher for the children."