The AMI Primary Assistants Course – an Introduction to Montessori

The Washington Montessori Institute will again offer the AMI Assistants Course this summer, July 8-19, 2013. This sixty hour course is designed for Montessori classroom assistants, aides, parents, administrators, prospective teachers and individuals interested in learning more about Montessori as an educational alternative. The seminar approach allows participants to actively engage in forming a personal foundation for understanding the work of Dr. Maria Montessori with children ages 3-6 years.

This course is designed to introduce Dr. Montessori's ideas about the child and how the adult can best support natural growth and optimal learning. The format includes lecture presentations, assigned readings and discussion. The focus is on Dr. Montessori's approach to child development, not individual classroom practices. With additional work (three written essays and completion of classroom observation assignments), the participant can earn the Association Montessori Internationale Assistants Certificate.

Previous participants have said,

- "This is a wonderful program to unify new staff and prepare the adult beginner for a Montessori school experience. The syllabus contains concise and easy-to-follow information, delivered by thoughtful professionals and excellent role models. The profound concepts of Dr. Montessori's approach were made easily understandable."

  Carol Gitter, Office Manager, Baltimore Montessori Public Charter School

- "The course gave me a new respect for children and Montessori educators in their goal to reach the child's fullest potential. It changed my life forever."

  Teri Eckel, Aidan Montessori School, Washington, DC

Please consider joining us for this two week, in-depth look at Dr. Montessori's approach to the child. For brochure and registration, click here.