



AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3 - 6 Diploma Course

Objectives

The purpose of the AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3-6 Diploma Course is to study the Montessori pedagogy and practices for the child between the ages of 3 and 6 years.

Course format

5 study modules spread over 2 years (June 2025 – December 2026)

Entry requirements

- Minimum A-level or O-level Certificate
- Teaching Training Certificate or equivalent
- A good knowledge of English
- Successful application interview

Interested candidates who do not fulfil the above-mentioned requirements, however, who have substantial experience working with children, are encouraged to apply. Special cases may be considered at the discretion of AMI.

Course Outline

The AMI 3 – 6 Diploma Course consists of:

- Montessori Child Psychology and Child Development
- Montessori Educational Theory and Practice to include the role of the Montessori teacher and the preparation of the Montessori environment
- Observation and Teaching practice in approved Montessori environments

AMI Diploma 3 - 6

The AMI Diploma is an internationally recognized Diploma issued by the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) in Amsterdam, Netherlands.



Course information

The AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3-6 Diploma Course is a comprehensive study of Montessori theory and practice to prepare teachers to work with children from 2½ to 6 years.

The Diploma Course consists of Montessori child philosophy and development, human development, Montessori primary materials and curriculum, the role of the teacher and the preparation of the Montessori environment. Students on the Diploma Course delve into Montessori theory that is fundamental to the role of the teacher and becomes a constant guide for the student's understanding.

Montessori Primary (2½ to 6 years) is a mixed age environment specifically designed to help children develop at their own pace, choosing their own activities from the Montessori materials which are displayed in an ordered and accessible way. Children work individually, or in groups, with hands-on activities which are designed to help them develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually. Students on the Diploma Course will learn how to present the material and activities to the children as well as how to nurture a love of learning in the children, foster confidence in their own abilities and create a sense of social responsibility towards others and the environment in which they live.

The Course also includes Observation and Teaching Practice in approved Montessori environments. For the observation component, students spend time observing how the children interact with the teacher, with one another and with their environment. During teaching practice, students present materials and lessons to children under the supervision of a trained and experienced teacher.

Course Language

English

Course Calendar

June 2025 to December 2026 in 5 study modules

- Module 1: Monday 2nd June – Friday 11th July 2025
- Module 2: Monday 3rd November – Friday 12th December 2025
- Module 3: Monday – Friday – one week during March or April 2026 (dates to be confirmed)
- Module 4: Monday 1st June – Friday 10th July 2026
- Module 5: Monday 2nd November – Friday 4th December 2026

Note: All modules are onsite at the Montessori Training Centre, Msimbazi, in Dar-es-Salaam except for Module 3 that will take place at a local Montessori Training Centre in Tanzania.

Observation and Teaching Practice will take place in between modules.



Course Times

Monday to Friday: 08.30 – 16.00

Saturday (fortnightly): 08.30 – 16.00

At least 400 hours of classroom-based training including lectures, a minimum of 140 hours of supervised practice with Montessori materials and 170 hours of observation and teaching practicum in Montessori settings.

Observation and Teaching Practice

The 170 hours of observation and teaching practice in recognised Montessori environments has to be completed in between the Course Modules.

Students living in Tanzania will be assisted by the Montessori Training Centre Msimbazi to organise their observation and teaching practice in pre-approved Montessori schools within the country.

International students are required to organise observation and teaching practice for themselves in their home/residence countries. Students have to find a convenient Montessori school where there is an AMI trained teacher who can supervise/guide them and contact the school to check if they can be accommodated. The school's details need to be sent to the Centre for review and approval. Full information on this process will be shared with the students after they have been accepted on the Course.

Please note that the AMI training faculty will be the deciding body if a Montessori environment fulfils the necessary quality standards to be eligible for an observation or teaching practice setting.

Required reading

By Dr Maria Montessori

- Citizen of the World
- The Absorbent Mind
- The Secret of Childhood
- The Discovery of the Child
- Creative Development in the Child

Students will find further recommended reading books at the college library.

Qualification for Award

The AMI Diploma is awarded to students who:

- Have satisfied the 90% attendance requirements
- Are successful in the theory and practical examinations and have completed coursework to the required standard
- Have fulfilled the AMI Observation and Teaching Practice requirements



Course fees

Application fee: International students: USD 50
Tanzanian Nationals: TZS 100'000
Due when the application form is submitted.
Applications are only processed if the application fee is paid and receipt submitted with the application form.
The application fee is non-refundable.

Course fees: International students: USD 5'000
Tanzanian Nationals: TZS 10'000'000
Course fees include:

- Montessori books
- Handouts
- Exam fees

Personal expenses are **NOT** included in the Course fees such as:

- Personal stationery
- Folders, paper
- Transport, Accommodation & Food
- Student visa, if applicable

Payment methods: Bank transfers or Bank deposit. No cash or MPESA payment.

Course fees can be paid in 3 instalments.

Payments in instalments:

1. Instalment: TZS 4'000'000/ USD 2'000
due within 10 days of being accepted to the course
2. Instalment: TZS 3'000'000/ USD 1'500
due June 1st, 2023
3. Instalment: TZS 3'000'000/ USD 1'500
due November 1st, 2023

A 10% reduction on the total course fee is provided if the entire amount is received before October 31st, 2022. The reduced fee is TZS 9'000'000 / USD 4'500.

A place will be reserved for the student only after the first instalment has been paid.



About us

Montessori Training Centre Msimbazi – Dar es Salaam

Established in 1967, the Montessori Training Centre at Msimbazi is the oldest Montessori Institution in Tanzania offering National Montessori Certificate Courses since almost 50 years. The Centre is run by the congregation of The Little sisters of St. Francis of Assisi at the Diocese of Dar es Salaam and is the host centre for this course.

In collaboration with the Association Montessori Internationale, the Maria Montessori Institute in London and the Arthur Waser Foundation in Switzerland, the centre is the third AMI International Montessori Teacher Training 3 - 6 Diploma Course in East Africa.

Maria Montessori Institute (MMI)

The Maria Montessori Institute, established in 1961, is a UK-based Montessori training centre affiliated to the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI). The MMI has a long legacy with Montessori education in East Africa and Montessori teacher training courses delivered by the MMI have evolved directly from those first delivered by Dr Maria Montessori and her son Mario between 1919 and 1957. All lectures, tutorials, written assignments and course material are prepared and delivered under direct authorisation from AMI by highly qualified trainers who have all undertaken the AMI Training of Trainers programme after substantial experience working with children.

Association Montessori Internationale (AMI)

The Association Montessori Internationale is considered the leading Montessori organisation in the world. The Association is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) represented at the United Nations since 1985 and an NGO in official partnership with UNESCO since 1962.

AMI was founded by Dr Maria Montessori herself in 1929 to safeguard the integrity of her work and is recognised as the global standard bearer for quality Montessori teacher training.

Additional information on the Association's history and details of its Montessori programmes, educational projects, publications, and affiliate organisations can be found at www.montessori-ami.org.



Admission

Entry requirements

Minimal educational Level:

- A-level (Form 6)
- O-level (Form 4) with a Teaching Training Certificate (TTC)

A good knowledge of English (spoken and written)

Special cases may be considered at the discretion of AMI.

Application procedure

When a complete application is submitted to the Montessori Community of Tanzania, it will be reviewed and you will be invited for an interview via Zoom.

Deadline for course application

Since there are a limited amount of spaces, interested applicants are urged to apply as soon as possible.

Course application deadline: **March 1st 2025**

Application Documents Required

- Application Form
- Application fee payment receipt
- Copies of educational documents
- 2 References
- A recent passport size photograph
- Copy of valid Passport or ID
- An essay on why you wish to undertake this course
- Health Form
- Scholarship Form (if required)

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