

Northern Virginia Montessori Institute at Belmont Greene

Northern Virginia Montessori Institute is hosted by the Montessori Academy at Belmont Greene in Ashburn, VA.

Our goal is to help individuals become effective Montessori Teachers of children age two and one half years through six years. We strive for excellence as we prepare teachers for the task of assisting children's cognitive, emotional, social, and moral development. Northern Virginia Montessori Institute offers a training format which provides a reasonable and manageable training schedule and year round support.

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CURRICULUM

Academic Course Phase

Montessori Philosophy

- Historical background of the Montessori method
- Thorough grounding in the Montessori philosophy
- The Prepared Environment
- The preparation of the Montessori teacher

Child Development

- The development of the child from birth through adolescence
- The links between Montessori, Piaget, Adler and others
- Current research in the area of Child Development

Practical Life Curriculum

- Lessons of Grace and courtesy, nutrition and food preparation
- Thorough understanding of this key curriculum area in the Montessori classroom
- Material presentations and supervised hands-on practice sessions
- Nutrition and food preparation activities

Sensorial Curriculum

- Development of the child's senses and their importance in the formation of intelligence
- In-depth look at the Sensorial didactic materials
- Material presentations and supervised hands-on practice sessions

Math Curriculum

- Development of the child's "mathematical mind"
- Introduction to numeration, the Decimal System, operations and fractions
- Material presentations and supervised hands-on practice sessions

Language Curriculum

- Building children's oral and auditory skills through literature, poetry, songs, finger plays and movement activities
- Introduction to the Montessori materials from pre-reading activities to reading, writing and grammar
- Supervised hands-on practice sessions

Social Studies

- Development of a sense of community
- Political divisions and other cultures
- Land and water configurations and map work
- Material presentations and album preparation

Science

- Development of child's scientific mind through hands-on activities
- Political and cultural divisions of the world
- Identifying science in other areas of the Montessori curriculum

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Faculty

Chandra Fernando is a Co-Director for the NVMI Early Childhood Course of Study offered at the Montessori Academy at Belmont Greene in Ashburn, Virginia. Ms. Fernando has been a classroom teacher for over 36 years and has served as the program director of the Maryland Center for Montessori Studies, course director of Northeast Montessori Institute and a faculty member of Seacoast Center for Education. Chandra serves as a field supervisor for several teacher education programs, and is a national and international lecturer. Ms. Fernando received her AMI primary Credential from the Good Shepard AMI training Center in Colombo, Sri Lanka and an elementary credential from London Montessori International. Chandra holds a B.A. in Early Childhood education in Piagetian Studies. She has done graduate work at Antioch University, Loyola College and Oxford University.

Beth Theriot is Co-Director of NVMI and Head of School, Academics at MAB. Beth holds an AMS Early Childhood certificate. She has been a Lead Teacher in Montessori classrooms for more than 25 years and is an experienced workshop facilitator. Beth holds a B.A. in Psychology from Loyola University and M.A. in Special Studies from George Washington University. During the past 5 years, Beth has lectured in classroom management and parent education at the Northeast Institute additional site in VA.

Bart Theriot is Chief Financial Officer of NVMI and Head of School, Administration of MAB. He participated in the Montessori Administrator training at CMTE/NY. He holds a B.S. in Finance from Auburn University; organizes after school programs for children; and is involved in charities coordination work. Bart has served as a faculty member of Northeast Institute, additional site in VA.

Jill Gunn has been a Montessori Lead teacher for 5 years. Jill received her AMI primary credential from the St. Louis Montessori Institute and holds a B.A. in Sociology from SUNY Albany. During the past 2 years she has served as the assistant to the sensorial curriculum as well as taught the sign language seminar.

Meredith Wood is the head of academic administration of the Montessori School of McLean and has 13 years of classroom experience. Meredith has a masters of education and AMS credential from Xavier University.

Rachel A. Ramsay has a strong foundation in Language and Learning Differences. She has completed Orton Gillingham and Multi-sensory Language therapy training and has experience teaching children with learning differences at the June Shelton School in Dallas, Texas. Rachel has been a classroom teacher for over 11 years and is an experienced workshop leader and lecturer. She holds an AMS Early Childhood Certificate and a Masters in Education from Goucher College in Baltimore. She teaches in Arlington County Public Schools. Rachel has served as a faculty member of Northeast Institute additional site in VA.

Kathleen McCauley has a B.S. degree in English Education and German and has M. A. Degrees in both Human development and Social Work. Kathleen is a lecturer in Child Development at Marymount University and is the President and primary trainer at the KEY Concepts and Training in Arlington, VA. For the past 6 years, Kathleen has been the instructor for child development at the Northeast Institute additional site in VA.

FEES

Application Fee (non-refundable) \$100.00
Early Childhood Course (Full Tuition) \$5350.00
Association Fees (non-refundable) \$300.00
Books & Materials Fees (non-refundable) \$600.00

Tuition and payment plans area available through Northern Virginia Montessori Institute. This information is available by calling or writing NVMI. An initial deposit of \$1,500.00 is due by June 1st, 2009. All association, books and materials fees will be deducted from this initial payment and are non-refundable.

Association Fees

These fees entitle the student to Intern membership in the American Montessori Society for two years. These fees are non-refundable.

Books and Materials Fees

These fees cover any additional materials provided by individual instructors over and above course outlines and handouts. It also includes (three) required textbooks. These fees are non-refundable.

Extra Practicum Fees (if applicable)

Note: Students who select a practicum site located more than 150 miles from the Montessori Academy at Belmont Greene in Ashburn, VA will be charged a fee to cover reasonable transportation expenses. Also, a \$400 fee will be assessed during the practicum year for those individuals choosing self-directed practicum. (An additional three field supervisor visits are required for self-directed interns).

In most cases, student teachers are paid a salary or a stipend by the practicum school site. All arrangements are made between the student and the school and no assurances can be made by the Institute.

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