

Montessori Infancy Studies (MIST)

Course on Montessori education for 0 - 4 year-old children in the 21st century

Who can apply

European day-care teachers and trainers working with children from 0 - 4 years. (0-3 and 3-6)

Location

Nienhuis, Zelhem, The Netherlands.

Organising institute

AVE.IK in close collaboration with AMI.

Course dates

6 weekends during one year, including one weekend of the Nienhuis Retreat.

Trainers

Patricia Wallner (AMI trainer), Manja Haze (Montessori day-care specialist), Jacqueline Hendriksen (international montessori teacher trainer).

Language

English, translation in Dutch and German possible.

Study load

280 hrs

Certification

Full programme leads to an AVE.IK Montessori day-care diploma. AVE.IK is registered with the Dutch Montessori Society (NMV) and cooperates with AMI.

Tuition Fee and registration

www.ave-ik.com or info@ave-ik.nl



Goal

This course offers a profound insight into early childhood, and will prepare excellently trained professionals to work as Montessori day-care teachers. The MIST programme is a unique and completely new course for all day-care teachers and trainers. You will study together with an international group of students and gain substantial insights into Montessori principles, the development of young children, the attitude of the Montessori teacher and the most recent research in the field. Besides Montessori knowledge, psychology and practical work you practice your computer skills, you will learn how to use new social media, apps and other tools to improve your education and to use for observation. You will make life long connections in the Montessori world.

Why is this course so valuable?

If you want to educate children, guide and teach them, you have to get to know them. Honing observation and listening skills will help you discover how you can guide children, so they may develop into independent and autonomous individuals. You will learn to understand

children's true needs so they may develop their full potential. The Montessori approach offers children care, love and freedom throughout the years they grow up, from birth to maturity. You will learn to guide children on their way to independence, and provide them with the opportunity to develop all aspects of their personality.

Content

The MIST offers 3 modules; each module covers 2 weekends and requires the student to complete an assignment.

M In the **1st module** we start with **Montessori**: the vision and interconnectedness. You will learn about the basic principles of Montessori, to be combined with creative ways of learning. You will be led through theoretical subjects such as freedom, independence, and sensitive periods. How you will engage with these subjects will be related to your personal practice: students choose a particular subject and will immerse themselves in that field.

I In the **2nd module**, called **Infancy**, we focus on the individual: the child. Who is this child in the period of 0-4 years? You will learn about the normal development of children, how to help them on their way to be independent, how to integrate your knowledge with practice. You will also learn about neuroscience and we will discuss developmental problems. Observation is an important part of this module.

S In the **3rd module**, called **Surrounding**, we will focus on environment especially prepared for the child: the space, including objects, the set-up and the adult working within this space. The surrounding relates to both indoor and outdoor, including the connection with nature.

T At the end of the course there will be **'Test'** where students are asked to demonstrate the knowledge they have internalised. You will prove what you have achieved: you combine theory and practice, you will have created your personal wikifolio and show your training team and fellow students the results of your development. The course is concluded with a 'pitch'.

Student support

All students are divided into learning teams, depending on their personal situation and age group. You will study together, and create a life long learning community. A member of staff will assist students with with assignments, questions and supervises the online wikifolios.

Meetings

Weekends are divided into the following sections: theory, practice, reflection, computer skills and a personal case study.

Saturday

9 a.m. – 6 p.m

Sunday

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.



Additional Info

At registration you must submit a record of qualifications in the area of child development. With your final registration a down payment of 10% is required. As soon as the minimum number of participants is reached you will be informed.