



Introducing the Montessori Approach to Childminders (IMAC)

Who is this course for?

If you are a registered Childminder wishing to learn how to incorporate Montessori into your daily work with children then this could be the right course for you.

Why study this course?

Montessori Centre International has developed this introductory course in response to requests from childminders who wish to learn more about the Montessori Approach. Study flexibly at your own pace with support from a dedicated Mentor from MCI who is also an experienced childminder.

Online Learning

Our online course is delivered using an innovative Virtual Learning Environment which enables learners to reflect and communicate with a community of childminders learning about the Montessori Approach.

Find out more by visiting our blog – www.mci.vl.com – or ask for a guest pass from admissions@montessori.org.uk, to try the course for yourself.

Skills and experiences gained

Your online study will guide you through the Montessori Philosophy and how it can be applied to your daily work with young children in your setting. It will encourage you to introduce new activities and consider how you engage with the children in your care and how you prepare the learning environment in your home. Your reflections on your learning will be shared with an MCI appointed Mentor.

- Study online using our innovative Virtual Learning Environment
- Study flexibly in your own time
- Complete within 7 months
- Certificate awarded by Montessori Centre International

Course start dates:

*Flexible starting points
monthly, throughout the
year*

Cost:

£300



What will you study? – Course Content:

Theoretical 6 units of study: Montessori: Background and Context * The Child: Montessori's view of the Developmental Potential * The Environment: Recommendations for layout, activities, materials and how to create an environment conducive to spontaneous learning. *The Montessori Child Minder: preparation for learning, observation, roles and links with the EYFS * Important Principles of Montessori: Freedom with responsibility, self- discipline, creativity and play * Montessori and Contemporary Research: supporting children with special needs, neuroscience and Montessori, Attachment theory.

Assessment: At the end of each unit of study you will be invited to reflect on your learning and share your reflections with your Mentor who will provide you with feedback. On completion of all six reflections students will be awarded the **Montessori Centre International Certificate of Completion**.

How will you study?

All students will access course materials online through our Virtual Learning Environment. You will be supported by a dedicated Mentor, who is a Montessori qualified trainer and also an experienced Childminder, via email. All students will be able to interact via an online forum.

After your studies

During the course you will be introduced to a range of strategies, activities and ideas which you will be able to incorporate into your childminding practice.

You will have an opportunity to join other courses, offered by MCI at a discounted rate.

MCI is part of the Montessori St Nicholas Charity, which incorporates the Montessori Schools Association (MSA) with its dedicated Childminding Network. As an MCI graduate you will be able to join the MSA and gain access to a network of Childminders who meet once a term across England.

You may consider your setting's commitment to the ongoing improvement of your Montessori practice by being accredited by the Montessori Evaluation and Accreditation Board (MEAB).

Please note: Introducing Montessori Approach to Childminders is not an Ofqual registered qualification and will not confer licence to practice in its own right. Those seeking a Childminding qualification should find out more by visiting www.childmindinguk.com/becoming-a-childminder/.

Entrance Requirements:

be aged 18 or over

be registered with Ofsted as a Childminder – you will need to provide your Ofsted registration number on the course registration form.

How to apply:

go online to find out more about MCI and its courses:
www.montessori.org.uk

attend one of our open events – see our website for details

request a guest pass to the Virtual Learning Environment by contacting:
admissions@montessori.org.uk

download and complete a registration form from our website

or you can call MCI and talk to us about the course on

☎ **020 7493 8300**

What do Childminders who completed our course say:

"I also found it extremely beneficial to think about how to present the environment and to look at some examples of Montessori Childminding settings."

"It was also really good to reflect upon my own early learning experiences answering specific questions about my own home, layout, routines, adult input/relationships, etc., and how I can put the positives into practice."



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