

IIMS MONTESSORI PRIMARY DIPLOMA 6 - 9 YEARS



IIMS Ignite Prospectus

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MONTESSORI STUDIES



● Course Description

Montessori Primary Education, for children aged six to nine, expands their understanding of the universe and human achievements through specially designed materials. It emphasizes the interconnectedness of nature and humanity, promoting self-controlled freedom and social learning without artificial constraints. This phase integrates traditional disciplines as cultural gifts, fostering a comprehensive world view.

● IIMS Ignite

The IIMS Ignite is designed for in-service teachers and all those interested in Montessori education. It offers a flexible, blended learning schedule during the summer and on Saturdays. It focuses on Montessori principles for ages 6-9, accommodating diverse participants with audit options and a mix of online and offline sessions.

● Course of Study

The curriculum focuses on Montessori child psychology, educational research, and practical applications, including material-making and supervised practice sessions. Students also engage in classroom observations to understand teacher-student dynamics.

● Pre-requisite

Holding a Pre-primary Montessori Diploma enriches your experience in this course. For those eager to join without this background, we offer a supportive two-week Pre-primary Montessori Foundation Course to ensure a smooth transition.

● Application Requirements

- Curriculum Vitae with a photograph
- One-page essay answering the question:
Why do you want to take the Montessori Teacher Training Course?
- Proof of highest qualification
- Two reference letters
- Preferred payment option

● Diploma Requirements

- Minimum attendance of 90%
- Satisfactory completion of all assignments and Material Files
- Completion of observation sessions
- Success in the final theory and practical examination

● Audit the Course

- Minimum attendance of 60%
- Submission of two Material Files
- Completion of observation sessions
- Success in the final theory examination

● Attendance Certificate

Candidates unable to complete the examinations but have at least 60% attendance will be awarded a certificate of attendance.

● Books - Required

- Childhood to adolescence
- Education for a new world
- To educate the human potential
- Advanced Montessori Method Vol. 2
- Books by Prof. Rajendra Gupta and Dr S Rekha Reddy

● Books - Essential

- The secret of childhood
- Discovery of the child
- Maria Montessori: Her life and work
- The child in the family
- What you should know about your child
- Joosten's Booklets

● Language

Participants learn to present language as a marvellous invention of humankind, embodying the essence of what makes us human: imagination, thoughts, and emotions. They acquire skills to assist children in analyzing language into its components through grammar and syntax, studying the rules governing the behaviour of these components within the whole, and how to assemble them. Additionally, they come to understand the connection between the development of language and the evolution of civilization.

● Mathematics

Mathematics in the primary takes off from the preprimary, branching out into the study of Arithmetic and the beginnings of Algebra. Many complex concepts like squares and square roots, base systems, fractions and multiples are introduced with the help of materials.

● Geometry

In this course, participants progress from an initial, sensory-based understanding of basic shapes to a deeper analysis of the defining characteristics of each shape, their specific nomenclature, and the relationships between different shapes. This comprehensive approach enables a nuanced appreciation of geometry, emphasizing both conceptual understanding and practical application.

● Botany

Nomenclature introduced in the preprimary level is applied for the description and classification of plants. At this stage, students also explore the functions of different plant parts and their internal structures.

● Zoology

Like Botany, nomenclature around the morphology of animals is linked to their function and leads to classification.

● Science

Day-to-day activities and simple chemicals found in the environment form the basis for exploring the world of Science.

● History

The study of History in a Montessori begins with the concept of time. It then shifts to the study of all the events and people that shaped us, starting from the Big Bang through the evolution of life and of man to our times.

● Geography

Starting from puzzle maps and globes, the trainees learn to move into the study of Geography as a complex interface of Physics, Chemistry and Earth Sciences. The subject is also linked to the culture and traditions of the areas that we study.

● Arts & Crafts

Arts and Crafts do not form a separate subject but form a part of all that are introduced to the child. The trainees learn to appreciate this fact.

● Material Making

The programme requires a lot of handmade material. As needed, material-making sessions will occur. Because it is an ongoing process, students may be unable to make all the material they need to function in a classroom during the course. Students need to purchase the materials and the stationery required.

● Practice & Observation

Practising presentations with original materials under supervision is essential for future teaching. The Montessori Method values observation; students observe in classrooms to learn about teacher behavior, body language, and tasks, preparing them for their roles as educators.

ABOUT IIMS

In 1998, Professor Rajendra Gupta started the Indian Institute for Montessori Studies (IIMS) in Bangalore to bring Montessori primary education back to India. With over 20 years of experience, he introduced the first Montessori teacher training since Montessori's visit to India in 1949 and helped open many Montessori schools in Bangalore. Now, IIMS offers a rich Montessori program guided by experienced educators.



VIDYANJALI ACADEMY FOR LEARNING

Vidyanjali Academy for Learning in R.T. Nagar, with 32 years in Montessori education, is known for hosting the IIMS program. It offers six comprehensive Montessori environments for various levels, equipped with the latest equipment. Renowned for quality education, its expert teachers provide an authentic learning experience, making it a prime location for immersive Montessori learning.



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