

AMI Elementary Orientation/Assistants' Course Details

The Montessori Orientation Course for Ages 6–12 is an introduction to the developmental characteristics and needs of children ages 6–12. It supports understanding of this developmental stage for parents, caregivers, school staff, or any individual seeking general knowledge about Montessori developmental theory and education. Successful participation in all Orientation Course Requirements leads to award of the AMI Orientation Course Certificate of Completion at the 6–12 level.

The course is designed such that it highlights the role of an adult as a service to the child's development. It opens the way for adults to explore how best to support the optimal development of children at home, in school, and in a Montessori prepared environment.

Course Objectives

- To gain general knowledge of the Montessori approach to child development and education
- To explore how an adult can best support optimal development for this age group in any environment and as needed, to identify and remove obstacles to optimal development
- To understand the powers for development active at this stage, and the needs and characteristics of children at this stage of development
- To understand the general importance of Observation as a basis for providing developmental support for 6–12-year-old children in any environment.

Course Components

Course work consist of lectures, readings, discussions and observation of children.

Lectures

Course lectures include the following topics and will touch upon some of the main principles of Montessori education.

- Introduction to Montessori Theory and Education
- Human Needs and Tendencies
- Four Planes of Development
- Characteristics of the Second Plane Child (6-12-year-old)
- Cosmic Education
- Freedom and Responsibility
- Role of the Prepared Environment
- Going out
- Observation
- The Development of Independence
- Social and Moral Development
- Role of the Adult
- Overview of the practical areas

Observation

Observation of elementary age children is a requirement for the certification. Students will need to observe children in a mixed-age elementary environment or other spaces that are not structured and children are free to engage themselves. All the students will be required to record and submit a written report of their observations along with their reflections.

Course Delivery

The course combines the following:

- Online lectures, with time for questions and discussions
- Presentation of videos, photographs
- Reading and Group discussions

Language

All lectures will be in English. Course work will need to be presented in English.

Course Duration and Schedule

The Course is delivered Online through Zoom Sessions and will cover 60 hours of work. 33 hours of work will be synchronous (when we meet online) and the rest 27 hours will be asynchronous (readings and assignments to be done at your own time)

The course will run over three weeks with eleven live online sessions from

November 3rd, 2025 to 19th 2025

Eleven **online** live sessions spread over in three weeks: 4 days each in week 1 [Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Timings: 5 pm to 8 pm weekdays

4 days each in week 1& 2 [Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

3 days in week 3 [Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday]

Eligibility

Candidates from all walks of life and from different professions are welcome. The course is open to anyone who is interested in child development, and would like to know more about the Montessori philosophy.

Note: The **early bird offer** will close on **Oct 20th, 2025 at 12:00 PM IST**. Application and fees should reach us before this date.

Course Assignments

There are three required written Assignments including an Observation Assignment. Due dates of assignments will be informed by the trainer after the start of the course and need to be submitted in the Google classroom. If an assignment does not contain all components for a satisfactory mark, the essay reader will indicate what is needed and you will have an opportunity to resubmit the paper in order to meet the requirements.

AMI Requirements for Certification

Admission to the course does not guarantee certification. Each student must meet the following, basic requirements in all areas of the course in order to receive the AMI Assistants Certificate 6-12 at the end of the Programme:

Certification:

1. A minimum of 90% attendance in all lectures, discussions and pre-recorded sessions
2. The completion of the observation and observation notes as directed by the course trainer
3. Submission and completion of three papers (500 words each) or the equivalent assignment on topics set by the trainer, to be submitted by the date stipulated by the course
4. Required reading as directed on the course

Trainer:

Suganthi Vijayakumar is an Auxiliary Trainer specializing in the 6-12 age group. She has successfully completed her training programs in Sydney under the guidance of Rebecca Dallam and in Milwaukee with Lisbeth Harrison.

Ms. Vijayakumar earned her 3-6 diploma from Rukmini Ramachandran and her 6-12 diploma from Dr. Jean Miller at the Navadisha Montessori Foundation, now recognized as the Supraja Montessori Centre.

She possesses a master's degree in English Language and Literature, a bachelor's degree in Education, a diploma in Teaching English as a Second Language, and a qualification in Special Education.

Suganthi has garnered experience as a teacher at various institutions, including the Abacus Montessori School in Chennai, India; the Forestville



Montessori School in Sydney, Australia; and the Kiara Karitas Montessori School in Jakarta, Indonesia. Her extensive experience working with children from diverse cultural backgrounds has significantly enhanced her understanding of various learning styles and educational needs, thereby enriching her ability to mentor aspiring educators.

Currently, she serves as the Executive Director at the Indonesia Montessori Centre located in Banten, Jakarta, which aims to provide Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) training across all three educational levels. Suganthi is profoundly committed to transforming education to support and foster the development of each child while actively reaching out to educators worldwide.

Offline Work

Students need to allot about 36 hours over three weeks for their offline course work. This includes reading, writing, observation and handwork.

Course Materials

To complete the requirements of the course, these items will be necessary:

Computer and a fast and stable internet connection

Notebook for taking notes during the lectures

Montessori resources and books (see Readings)

Readings

Students will be required to read selected chapters from the books and participate in discussions, besides writing on the assigned topics. The following books by Dr. Montessori will have compulsory readings:

- Montessori, Maria Citizen of the World (for overview of Montessori developmental theory and education)
- Montessori, Maria To Educate the Human Potential
- Montessori, Maria The Formation of Man
- Montessori, Maria Education and Peace
- Montessori, Maria From Childhood to Adolescence

Other readings and student handouts will be shared through Google Classroom.

To prepare for the course, it is recommended that you begin

with the following chapters:

To Educate the Human Potential - chapters 1 to 4

From the Childhood to Adolescence - chapters 1 to 5

The Formation of Man - chapters 1 to 2 in part 2

Education and Peace - part 1

These books may be ordered from the Indian Montessori Foundation

<https://montessori-india.org/temp-store/>

Some of the books are available as eBooks to order from Amazon on Kindle and

Montessori Pierson Publishing Company <https://montessori-pierson.com/e-books.html>

Admission Process and Details

To apply, the following must be submitted:

- Application Form duly filled by the applicant and emailed to elementarycoursehyd@gmail.com
- Latest digital passport size photo to be attached to the form.
- Aadhaar Card Copy and OR Passport Copy (Proof of Residence and Nationality).
- Overseas Citizens of India (OCI) Copy (If applicable).
- Application Fee detailed to be entered in the application form.

Fees Details

Indian Nationals may pay the fees by means of Direct Bank Transfer or through UPI

Early Bird Fee: Offer ends Oct 20th 2025.

Fees	Indian Nationals (INR)	Due
Tuition Fee (including 18% GST)	25000	With Application

**GST is Subject to change based on government regulations*

**If a student withdraws at any time, fees will not be refunded for any reason.*

Fee after Dec 20th 2025.

Fees	Indian Nationals (INR)	Due
Tuition Fee (including 18% GST)	27500	With Application

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**If a student withdraws at any time, fees will not be refunded for any reason.*

Fee for Indian Nationals for a group of 3; above group of 3, each student needs to pay the individual fee. Early Bird Fee: Offer ends Dec 20th 2025.

Fees	Indian Nationals (INR)	Due
Tuition Fee (including 18% GST)	24000	With Application

Foreign Nationals may pay the fees by means of Direct Bank Transfer

Early Bird Fee: Offer ends Oct 20th 2025.

Fees	Foreign Nationals (INR)	Due
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Tuition (including 18% GST)	35000 (INR) Or 400 (USD)	With Application
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Fee after Oct 20th 2025.

Fees	Foreign Nationals (INR)	Due
Tuition (including 18% GST)	40000 (INR) Or 450 (USD)	With Application

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**If a student withdraws at any time, fees will not be refunded for any reason.*

Registration for the course closes on 30th Oct 2025.

Bank details for online payment:

Indian Nationals:

You can transfer to UPI ID: **mmtihyd@hdfcbank**

Or

Bank Transfer for National and international students

Medha Montessori Training Institute LLP

HDFC Bank, Ground floor, 1.11.1, Chintal Ramulu Complex, Main Road,

Moinabad Branch, Ranga Reddy District

Current account number: **50200066833433**

RTGS/NEFT IFSC code: **HDFC0005317**

Swift Code : **HDFCINBB**

After the online transfer is done please note down the transaction/reference number and date you need to fill these details in the application from.

Foreign Nationals and People paying using Cards can pay using the below Bank link

Please use the below link for Card payments.

Please note the Amount is to be entered in Indian Rupees only. Equivalent amount in foreign currency will be debited from your card.

<https://forms.eduqfix.com/medhaolform/add>

After the online transfer is done please note down the transaction/reference number and date you need to fill these details in the application form.

Have any Queries?

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