

CMStep's Introduction to Secondary Montessori Online Course Objectives

Potential Audiences

Untrained secondary teachers, prospective secondary Montessori teachers, administrators supervising secondary programs, Montessori teachers at other levels whose training did not include secondary, parents considering secondary Montessori for their own children and parents whose children are currently attending secondary programs.

Learning Objectives

Participants will understand:

How robust Montessori adolescent communities prepare students to take their places in adult society, equipping students with skills for success in further learning, careers, and life.

Content of the course includes:

- 1. Introduction to Maria Montessori and her educational philosophy
- 2. Developmental needs and characteristics of adolescents
- 3. How and why key features of a Montessori secondary program work together to meet the needs of adolescents
- 4. Curriculum areas
- 5. The role of the family
- 6. The role of the teacher

Participants will be able to:

- 1. Confidently observe in Montessori secondary classrooms, knowing the hallmarks of highquality adolescent communities
- 2. Participate in meaningful dialogue with trained secondary teachers to promote deeper understanding, reflection, and continued growth
- 3. Determine whether earning an AMS Secondary I-II Credential is the right next step for continued personal and professional growth

Timeline

Introduction to Secondary Montessori is a six-week long, asynchronous course. It counts as 40 professional development hours.