



CMStep's Online Overview Course Objectives

Potential Audiences

Prospective teachers in either elementary or secondary levels, administrators supervising Montessori programs, parents considering elementary or secondary Montessori for their own children and parents whose children are currently attending Montessori programs.

Learning Objectives

Participants will understand:

The basic tenets of Montessori philosophy through the exploration of Dr. Montessori's deep understanding of the early years of life, the goals of Montessori education, the characteristics of the child in the first six years of life, and how each component of the Montessori system contributes to the whole.

Content of the course includes:

1. An overview of what happens in the years prior to the secondary level, from a Montessori perspective, with a focus on elementary education
2. Close readings of Maria Montessori's "The Secret of Childhood" and "The Discovery of the Child"
3. Videos of working Montessori classrooms
4. Modules with text, video and/or audio, experiential exercises, and reflections

Participants will be able to:

1. Grasp the big picture and gain understanding of the underlying concepts that influence a Montessori approach to adolescence

Timeline

Online Overview is an asynchronous, self-paced course. It counts as 40 professional development hours.