

CMStep “Introduction to Secondary Montessori” Online Course Objectives

Possible 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. Role of the family
6. Role of the Teacher: the material

Participants will be able to:

1. Confidently observe in Montessori secondary classrooms, knowing the hallmarks of high-quality 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 credential is the right next step for continued personal and professional growth