

# Metro Teacher Training Workshops

While most of Metro's workshops are designed with the Montessori community in mind, several workshops are suitable for traditional early childhood educators and professionals, student interns, and the interested parent community.

## Workshops "On the Go"

Workshops are offered at Metro's Rockville location. With a minimum registration of ten participants, workshops can also be scheduled at your site. Please call the Metro office at 301.230.0901 to schedule your Workshop "On the Go".

## Current Offerings

### Pre-Service Training

**Understanding and Managing Communication:** Professionalism 9 hours

This seminar for early childhood educators addresses the importance of developing good communication skills and explores various strategies for developing these skills. Tools commonly used to assess one's temperament and personality will be examined as a means to better understand oneself and one's audience.

This workshop can be offered as three separate workshops. If taken in total, the workshop satisfies the Maryland State Department of Education pre-employment requirement for nine hours of Communication training.

### Core of Knowledge Training

**Beyond the Walls** Curriculum 3 or 6 hours

Introduced at The American Montessori conference, this seminar is designed to give all early childhood childcare providers, educators, professionals, administrators, and parent attendees the background knowledge, theory, and hands-on experiences necessary to design and implement an effective, developmentally appropriate, early childhood outdoor education program, "Beyond the Walls". Various developmental models of outdoor education will be explored, as well as strategies to integrate the "core routines" of nature learning, and nature-based games and songs into integrated lessons. Local community resources will be reviewed and curriculum materials and components will be shared.

This is a two-part workshop that can be offered as a full day, six-hour workshop, or as two, half-day, three-hour sessions.

**Focus on Handwriting:**

Curriculum

3 hours

This workshop, designed for Montessori teachers, administrators, student interns, and classroom instructional assistants, includes a brief overview of the critical importance of handwriting instruction. The class will examine the child's developmental readiness for writing and the critical need for direct teacher supervision of the handwriting process. The various stages of handwriting from scribbling, to preparation of the hand, imitating, copying, to independent handwriting will be examined and discussed to better understand the importance of each developmental stage and to further assist teachers in the planning of appropriate handwriting activities. The importance of paper placement, posture, and pencil grasp will be addressed in both the teaching stage as well as in the assessment and remediation phase.

**Keys to Reading:**

Curriculum

3 hours

Attendees will define and outline the keys to reading within the Montessori language curriculum. The link between writing and reading will be revisited. Through a case study approach, participants will match appropriate lessons to children's developmental signs of readiness and learning style.

**Peace Begins With Us:**

Professionalism

3 hours

Designed for head Montessori teachers, this workshop promotes a positive, collaborative teacher/assistant relationship. Three essential components will be addressed, as well as certain obstacles and challenges found in these relationships. The focus is on ways of building a synergistic team.

**The Montessori Method and the Exploration of the Montessori Classroom**

Professionalism

Three 3- hour sessions

This series of workshops is designed to be an introduction to the historical development of the Montessori movement and its subsequent impact on education. Included is an introduction to the Montessori educational philosophy, an introduction to the Montessori classroom, and an exploration of the carefully planned environment designed to foster the child's growth and development. This series is intended as an orientation for new classroom instructional assistants and/or interested parents new to Montessori.

**Total Reading:**

Curriculum

3 hours

Topics covered include a brief overview of The Keys to Reading within the Montessori language curriculum. Attendees evaluate various case studies, assess student progress, and prepare for effective parent conferencing relating to the child's progress in the language program. Advanced functional word and grammar lessons will be practiced and refined.