

## AMI Elementary Training at MISD Program Overview

**ACADEMIC YEAR | STARTS FALL 2014 | GREAT SAN DIEGO LOCATION | OUTSTANDING TEAM**

The MISD Montessori Elementary training program is the ideal way for practicing Montessori teachers and others to receive AMI Elementary certification.

### COURSE LOCATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

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Montessori Institute of San Diego  
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### COURSE CALENDAR

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Foundation Course\*: August 18 - 29, 2014, Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m - 3:00p.m.

Elementary Course: September 2, 2014 - June 6, 2015, Monday - Friday, 9:00a.m - 5:00p.m.

Fall Break: October 13 - 17, 2014

Thanksgiving Break: November 24 - 28, 2014

Winter Break: December 22, 2014 - January 2, 2015

Spring Break: March 30 - April 10, 2015

Graduation\*\* : June 6, 2015

\* The Foundation Course is required for those who do not hold an AMI Primary (ages 3-6) diploma. It does not certify the individual to teach in a primary classroom, and a diploma/certificate is not issued. Successful completion of the course requires full attendance at lectures and practice sessions, satisfactory completion of illustrated text based on lecture notes, and satisfactory written assignments.

\*\*Dates for exams and graduation are tentative.

The Montessori Institute of San Diego reserves the right to cancel a course due to insufficient enrollment.

### TUITION & FEES

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Application Fee (non-refundable): \$100

International Student Fee: \$500

Foundation Course Tuition: \$995

Elementary Course Tuition: \$14,895

Students should anticipate approximately \$300 for books, and \$1,500 for classroom materials

Payment Plan: Payment plan options are available upon request or from the MISD web site.

Financial Aid: To apply for scholarship assistance, submit the MISD Financial Aid Application available on our website.

School Sponsorship: Schools receive a 5% tuition discount off the first student the sponsor, and 10% off each additional student for the 2014-2015 school year.

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### ADMISSION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

The Montessori Elementary training course is open to college graduates who present satisfactory evidence of ability to pursue graduate work and who possess the sound personal qualifications needed to complete the intensive training requirements. More specifically, this course requires that students hold an AMI Primary diploma, or that they have successfully completed the Foundation Course which is available as part of this training.

To apply, prospective students should submit an application packet consisting of a completed, signed application form, resumé, personal essay, three professional references, copy of AMI Primary diploma (or AMI Primary diploma number) if requesting exemption from the Foundation Course, payment of AMI membership dues for the duration of the course (2014-2015), two recent, passport-sized photographs, non-refundable application fee of US\$100.00, and official transcripts for all prior undergraduate and graduate work. Upon acceptance, students will need to submit a \$1,000 deposit to confirm a place in the course, which is applied toward the total tuition.

No person will be denied opportunity for education or be subject to discrimination in any project, program or activity because of race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, age, handicap, or veteran status.

### AMI DIPLOMA

An AMI diploma is granted upon satisfactory completion of course requirements, which include successful completion of the Foundation Course (if AMI Primary diploma is not held), full attendance at all lectures and supervised practice sessions, a minimum number of hours of observation and practice teaching in approved classrooms, reports and records associated with observations and practice teaching, satisfactory completion of albums containing illustrated notes on didactic materials and classroom presentations, essays on lectured theory, essays on theory and practice associated with lectures and readings, satisfactory preparation of selected handmade classroom materials, passing marks on AMI written examinations, and passing marks on oral examinations conducted by AMI examiners.

### MASTER'S DEGREE & PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHING CREDENTIAL

MISD encourages Elementary students to apply their AMI training toward a Master of Education from the Loyola University Maryland. For more information, contact Carrie Stroup at (410) 617-7765 or [cacieslowski@loyola.edu](mailto:cacieslowski@loyola.edu), or visit the website: <http://www.loyola.edu/soe/academics/graduate/montessori/elementary.aspx>

For more information on obtaining a public school teaching credential, contact MISD at [training@misdami.org](mailto:training@misdami.org) or 858-535-0500, extension 101.

### AUDITING

Teachers, administrators, and anyone interested in the elementary course are welcome to audit lectures free of charge during the 2014-2015 school year. Contact the MISD office for details and to schedule your visit.

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### COURSE FACULTY

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**Greg MacDonald**, Director of Elementary Training, is a seasoned AMI elementary trainer who has led elementary courses in the United States, Canada, Italy, Japan, Switzerland, Germany, and Mexico for the past 20 years. He holds AMI 3-6 and 6-12 diplomas, a teaching diploma from his native Australia, and an M.Ed. from Loyola University Maryland, where he worked as an AMI Elementary trainer with Dr. Kay Baker from 1998 to 2008. He is also an AMI-USA consultant and a regular speaker at Montessori workshops, parent evenings and conferences. Greg is known for his hands-on, practical approach to training, focusing on the specific skills, techniques, and systems that support success in a Montessori elementary environment. His work is informed by 19 years of teaching experience as a public school elementary teacher, AMI primary and elementary teacher, and principal of both mainstream and Montessori schools.

**Kathryn MacDonald**, Elementary Course Assistant, is currently serving as the course assistant for the first AMI elementary teacher training program in Mexico. She has more than twenty years experience working as a 3-6 Montessori guide in the United States and Australia, and has spent time as a public Montessori 3-6 guide, public Montessori school art specialist for pre-kindergarten through sixth grade, Montessori substitute for ages 3-12, and instructor for special needs children in a Head-start program. Kathy holds a BA from Old Dominion University and a graduate diploma in K-6 education from University of New England in Australia in addition to her AMI Primary diploma from the Washington Montessori Institute.

**Silvia C. Dubovoy**, Ph.D., Foundation Course Trainer. Dr. Dubovoy is an Assistants to Infancy and Primary level trainer, lecturer, consultant, and examiner for the Association Montessori Internationale worldwide. She has been involved in Montessori education since 1965, as a parent, board member, and coordinator of her children's school. Dr. Dubovoy holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Barcelona, as well as the AMI Primary, Special Education, and Assistants to Infancy diplomas. Dr. Dubovoy was a board member of AMI, headquartered in Amsterdam, from 1982-2010. She is one of the AMI representatives to the United Nations. Her training style is heavily influenced by her work with Dr. Carl R. Rogers in the field of humanistic psychology.