



MEd in Curriculum and Teaching, Specialization in Montessori Education



SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION SCIENCES

Program Overview

In partnership with the Montessori Institute of San Diego, graduate students in the School of Leadership and Education Sciences (SOLES) at the University of San Diego can earn a Master's of Education in Curriculum and Teaching with a specialization in Montessori Education. The program offers Montessori training and the opportunity to increase pedagogical understanding of the principles behind Montessori education. Upon completion, students will earn an A.M.I. diploma certifying them to teach children from birth to six years of age.

The 13½-month program consists of a summer session, a fall semester, a spring semester and a summer session (two summers and one academic year).

Distinguishing Features

- 39 units of coursework
 - Observation in homes and in A.M.I. infant, toddler and primary classroom settings
 - Classroom fieldwork with A.M.I. certified teachers, and children who are birth to six years of age, and, at times, their parents
 - Instruction by renowned Montessori practitioners and academic faculty immersed in the art and science of Montessori Education as standardized by Association Montessori Internationale
 - A diverse student body that reflects international and cultural diversity
 - Balanced curriculum that provides students with a deep understanding of both content and pedagogy.
- Focus on parent and community education that teaches students how to bring Montessori education to parents, children, schools and early childhood community services
 - Capstone research seminar that supports students in the design, implementation, analysis and publication of original, classroom-focused action research
 - MISD Montessori and USD education coursework are combined to offer candidates the theoretical basis, practical knowledge and field experience necessary to conduct research, teach, or consult in schools and early childhood services programs
 - Field experience and support in the design, implementation, analysis and publication of original research on the effectiveness of Montessori classrooms

Program Curriculum

The program is comprised of 39 units plus a three-unit prerequisite course offered through Continuing Education.

EDU 558XB* First and Second Language Development and Structure for the Classroom Teacher (Continuing Education) 3 units

Summer Session I (9 units)

EDTE 500 Foundations of the Montessori System of Education (Philosophy and Method) 3 units

EDTE 503 Anatomy, Physiology, Hygiene, Obstetrics, and Nutrition 2 units

EDTE 502 Early Childhood Education 2 units

EDTE 504 Creating Healthy, Safe Environments for Infants and Toddlers 2 units

Fall Session (13 units)

EDTE 505 Human Relations and Self Awareness Among Young Children 2 units

EDTE 507 Perceptual-Motor Development 2 units

EDTE 510 Language Arts/Reading Curriculum and Instruction 3 units

EDUC 500 Research Design and Methodology 3 units

EDUC 510 Cognition and Learning 3 units

Spring Session (11 units)

EDTE 511 Mathematics and Science Curriculum and Instruction 3 units

EDTE 506 Field Experience (Observation and Teaching Practice) 2 units

EDUC 580 Master's Capstone Seminar 3 units

EDSP 595 Leadership and Management Skills in Early Childhood/Special Education 3 units

Summer Session II (6 units)

EDTE 501 Child Neuropsychiatry 2 units

EDTE 508 Teaching Strategies and Social Development (Parent Education and Family Development) 2 units

EDTE 509 Creative Activities (Music, Art, Movement, Drama) 2 units
Action Research Presentation
Written and oral exams to obtain the 0-6 years International A.M.I. diploma and graduation

*Prerequisite for International Students

Admission Requirements

- Minimum grade point average of 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale) in undergraduate and graduate coursework
- Personal interview and written essay
- Three letters of recommendation (two of which must be academic)
- Students for whom English is a second language must submit the official results of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Application Deadlines:

Application deadlines vary by semester and students should visit www.sandiego.edu/soles/admissions for the most current deadlines.

Financial Aid

Students may be eligible to apply for additional scholarships and financial aid through SOLES. To learn more about the opportunities available, please visit www.sandiego.edu/soles/financialaid.

Contact Information

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