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## *PRIMARY TRAINING 2013*

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*The greatest sign of success  
for a teacher... is to be able  
to say, "The children are  
now working as if I did  
not exist."*

**-DR. MARIA MONTESSORI**



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## WE CREATE OURSELVES

At the Montessori Training Center of Minnesota (MCM) we understand everyone is different and unique – from each and every child at our onsite Cornerstone Montessori School to our trainees who join us to truly develop career-long skills. Each year MCM’s expert faculty and nationally renowned leadership work together to craft a program equal parts rigorous learning and self-discovery.

100 years ago, Dr. Maria Montessori unearthed one of the key principles of Montessori teaching: every child creates himself. We encourage the same of our trainees and strive to provide a training program that is more an immersive, energizing experience than a simple by-the-book education.

## THE MONTESSORI WAY

Why Montessori, what is Montessori? Whether you know it’s for you, or you’re looking to learn more, Montessori principles are simple. Every child enters the world possessing amazing, natural abilities and tendencies. Children construct their personality as they interact with the world around them: peers, adults and the things they experience. In fact, Dr. Maria Montessori believed the child’s primary role is to become the person they’re going to be.

Montessori teachers are the essential guides in that journey. By observing and noting a child’s interests and needs at each developmental level, we provide the understanding, support and resources for continual growth and the unique, personal development of each child.



## OUR COURSE

Join us this year and study for the internationally recognized AMI Montessori Diploma. Awarded by the Association Montessori Internationale, the diploma is the mark of a true Montessori training to the highest academic standards by an accredited teaching faculty.

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS

We generally require a bachelor's degree in any field. At the discretion of our staff, we also accept other forms of study or appropriate life experience in lieu of a degree education. Please ask us. (See admission for more.)

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The Montessori Training Center of Minnesota does not discriminate with respect to faculty, staff, students, employees or any other relationship within our organization on the basis of race, color, gender, orientation, handicap, religion or national or ethnic origin.



## YOUR PATH, YOUR FUTURE

From the moment you join us at MCM, our focus is on helping you find a path to a long and successful career in Montessori teaching. That's a good thing. The demand for Montessori teachers across the United States has never been higher.

Each year teaching positions remain unfilled and additional opportunities exist for head teachers, school owners, administrators and consultants. While we can't guarantee a job, we can promise to help all of our graduates find opportunity out there.

## EXPERT STAFF

### DIRECTOR OF TRAINING

Molly O'Shaugnessy is an accomplished AMI trainer of the highest caliber as well as a consultant and lecturer on the national and international levels. Since 1996, she has provided strategic leadership for MCM, serving as director of training and executive director for MCM as well as Community Faculty for Metropolitan State University in St. Paul. Molly serves on the board of AMI in Amsterdam, NAMTA (North American Montessori Teachers' Association) and is a long-time member of the AMI Trainers Group.

She earned her AMI Primary Diploma from MCM in 1976 and holds an M.Ed from Loyola University, Maryland.

### ADMINISTRATOR

Nicole Olson earned her Primary Diploma from MCM in 2006. She also holds an undergraduate degree from the University of Minnesota, Duluth and a Master's degree in Education from Loyola University, Maryland. A graduate of MCM, Nicole is well positioned to really connect the unique training experience MCM provides with the individual needs of trainees.

### COURSE ASSISTANT

Jeanne Frayne earned her AMI Primary Diploma from the Montessori Institute of North Texas in 2007, before braving the weather to move North and join MCM in YEAR HERE. She holds both an undergraduate and Master's degree from University of Texas, Dallas. QUESTION: DID SHE SERVE AS A COURSE ASSISTANT AND GUIDE IN TEXAS?



## ADMISSION: HOW TO JOIN US

We welcome all applications from qualified entrants. Begin the process by sending us your application documents. We will review everything fully and contact you to discuss next steps, which can include an interview.

Please Send:

- Completed application form with attachments (download the form from [www.mtcm.org](http://www.mtcm.org))
- College and/or high school transcripts
- \$50 application fee
- International Student form (as appropriate)

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

MCM is approved for student visas by the United States Department of Immigration. You must prove proficiency in English, appropriate visa status and financial assets for tuition, course expenses and living expenses. If interested, please request the International Student Application Form and a list of required documentation.

## TUITION

<b>APPLICATION</b>	\$50
<b>DEPOSIT</b>	\$500 (payable upon acceptance as a student and credited to your tuition fees)
<b>PRIMARY COURSE</b>	\$9,985 (due before May 1, 2013) \$10,100 (due if paid after May 1, 2013)
	Tuition to be paid in two installments: August 15, 2103 and December 15, 2013
<b>EXPENSES</b>	Students should budget \$700 for books and materials necessary for course work. These remain the property of the student.

## SCHEDULE

The AMI Primary Diploma is offered as a one-year course

Dates: September 4, 2013 – May 30, 2014

Times: Monday – Friday, 1.00pm – 5.30 pm

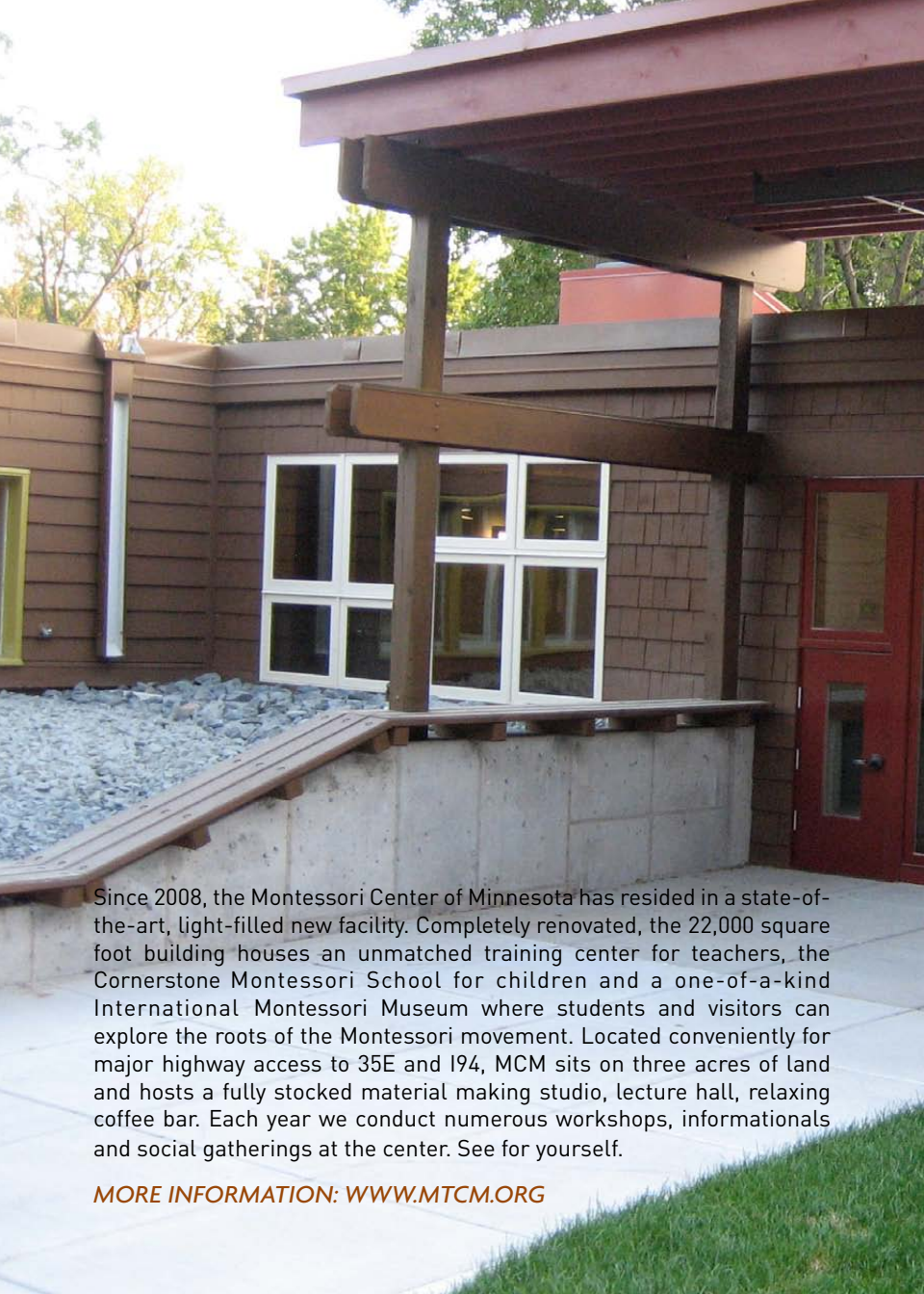


*“We do not say that we want to prepare a school for the child; we wish to prepare an environment for life.”*

*-DR. MARIA MONTESSORI*



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Since 2008, the Montessori Center of Minnesota has resided in a state-of-the-art, light-filled new facility. Completely renovated, the 22,000 square foot building houses an unmatched training center for teachers, the Cornerstone Montessori School for children and a one-of-a-kind International Montessori Museum where students and visitors can explore the roots of the Montessori movement. Located conveniently for major highway access to 35E and I94, MCM sits on three acres of land and hosts a fully stocked material making studio, lecture hall, relaxing coffee bar. Each year we conduct numerous workshops, informationals and social gatherings at the center. See for yourself.

**MORE INFORMATION: [WWW.MTCM.ORG](http://WWW.MTCM.ORG)**