

# EMTTA EARLY CHILDHOOD MONTESSORI COURSE

OFFERED IN CHINESE and ENGLISH

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The **Early Childhood** course focuses on understanding and supporting the development of children ages 2.5 through 6. You will learn to document, analyze and reflect on observations of children, in order to individualize the curriculum. We encourage teachers to become reflective practitioners, committed to inquiry.

In the coursework and through the practicum, you will learn to design the classroom's physical environment as well as specific materials for each child's capabilities. You will learn how to develop a collaborative social milieu (with children and parents), which respects individuality while celebrating differences.

The **Early Childhood** program is a minimum of 300 academic hours conducted in the summer [7 weeks] followed by three (3) weekend seminars and six (6) tutorials / practice labs during the school year. Qualified candidates who complete all course requirements and a practicum of at least 540 hours [3 hours a day] over one academic year in an approved classroom are recommended to the AMS for an early childhood credential.

The minimum time frame for completion of the EMTTA early childhood program is twelve months. The upcoming cycle begins on 25 June 2011 and ends on 23 June 2012.

The Academic Components of the early childhood include:

- Child Development / Psychology / Montessori Philosophy/ Other Educational Philosophies
- Observation, Analysis, Planning, and Recordkeeping Protocols
- Language Arts
- Cultural Studies – geography, sciences, parent partnerships, history, social studies
- Art, Music, and Movement Activities
- Classroom Management that fosters individualized instruction
- Practical Life / Daily Living Activities
- Mathematics
- Sensorial Education

## REQUIREMENTS:

- Attendance and participation in classes and labs, including tutorials and seminars
- Readings and mindmap reports
- Written assignments, including research projects, observations of classrooms, and completion of albums
- Performance assessments, including a professional portfolio, and completion of *Student Teacher Record* and *Practice Presentation Handbooks*
- Material-design projects
- Student teaching in a classroom – 5 days a week, for nine (9) consecutive months [minimum of 540 hours]

## TUITION: Early Childhood Chinese and English courses

Application Fee RMB 1,000 Non-refundable

Tuition RMB 35,500

AMS & MACTE credential fees: 2,400 RMB [estimated], collected mid-July.

The tuition fee does **not** include: books and manuals, or any other costs that each individual may spend for the classes or assignments. The estimated cost is about RMB 2,000.

## SCHEDULE OVERVIEW - Early Childhood [ages 2 1/2 thru 6]

Before course begins: We recommend that you read Montessori books and observe in a few classrooms.

### MODULE I – SUMMER

25 June 2011 – 7 August 2011

7 weeks, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM, Monday – Saturday

WEEK 1: [2 days]:	25 June – 26 June) 2011	Montessori Philosophy and Educational Practices
WEEK 2:	27 June 2011 – 2 July 2011	Montessori Philosophy, Child Development, Environmental and Material Design
WEEK 3:	04 - 09 July 2011	Practical Life, Observation
WEEK 4:	11 - 16 July 2011	Language Arts, Observation
WEEK 5:	18 - 23 July 2011	Sensorial, Observation
WEEK 6:	25 – 30 July 2011	Math, Observation
WEEK 7: [7 days]	01- 07 August 2011	Observation, Parent Partnerships, Cultural Subjects: physical sciences, social studies, music and movement, arts

### MODULE II – Student Teaching with seminars and tutorials

**PRACTICUM** September 2011 – June 2012, minimum of 540 hours, 5 days a week.

The practicum begins after successful completion of the summer academic coursework.

No part of the practicum can precede the academic coursework.

**SEMINARS [3]** Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

FALL SEMINAR	November 2011	exams, material-making projects
WINTER SEMINAR	February 2012	exams, material-making projects
SPRING SEMINAR	April 2012	exams, material making projects

**TUTORIALS [6]** are held on Saturdays, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM, six [6] times a year.

**LOCATION:** Workshops, lectures, and seminars take place at Central Park Campus, Central Park Bldg 19 No. 6 Chaowai Dajie, Chaoyang District, Beijing, 100020.

# EMTTA INFANT-TODDLER MONTESSORI COURSE

OFFERED IN CHINESE ONLY in 2011 – not MACTE accredited, AMS APPLICANT AFFILIATE

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Work with infants and toddlers provides an unparalleled view of the marvel of early human development. EMTTA students learn to interact appropriately in environments specially designed to make the most of each child's tremendous potential in these years. Emphasis is placed on the role of the caregiver in building relationships with the child and child's family while fostering healthy physical, social-emotional, and intellectual development.

The **Infant -Toddler [IT] program** consists of a minimum of 210 academic hours conducted in a seven-week summer academic session followed by a student teaching year during which further academic hours are conducted in six [6] tutorial sessions and three [3] weekend seminars. During the student teaching year, interns will have a mentor to help them with observation protocols, research assignments, and material making. This mentor also will observe them working with children.

The minimum time frame for completion of the infant-toddler program is twelve months. The upcoming cycle begins on 25 June 2011 and ends on 23 June 2012.

The Infant-Toddler Academic Coursework includes:

- Montessori Philosophy and Pedagogy
- Personal Development
- Administration and Program Management
- Child Development
- Child, Family, and Community
- Overview of 2 ½ - 6 curriculum
- Environmental Design
- Observation

REQUIREMENTS:

- Attendance and participation in classes and labs, including tutorials and seminars
- Readings and mindmap reports
- Written assignments, including research projects, observations of classrooms, and album completion
- Material design projects
- Performance assessments, including a professional portfolio, and completion of *Student Teacher Record Handbook*
- Student teaching – while four [4] options are offered, all require 9 months of working with infants or toddlers

## TUITION: Chinese-language Infant-Toddler course

Application Fee RMB 1,000 Non-refundable

Tuition RMB 30,000

International Credential Fee, if available: 2,400 RMB [estimated], collected mid-July.

Tuition fee does not include books and manuals, or any other costs that an individual may spend for the classes or assignments. The estimated cost is about RMB 2,000.

## SCHEDULE OVERVIEW - Infant-Toddler [birth through 3]

Before the summer, we recommend that you read a few Montessori books and observe in a few classrooms.

### MODULE I – SUMMER: 25 June 2011 – 6 August 2011

7 weeks, 8:30 AM -5:30 PM, Monday-Saturday.

WEEK 1: [2 days]	25 – 26 June 2011	Montessori Philosophy and Pedagogy
WEEK 2:	27 June – 2 July 2011	Montessori Philosophy & Pedagogy, Child Development, Overview, Observation
WEEK 3:	04 – 09 July 2011	Philosophy & Pedagogy, Overview, Observation
WEEK 4:	11 – 16 July 2011	Environmental Design, Program Management, Overview
WEEK 5:	18 – 23 July 2011	Environmental Design, Program Management, Observation
WEEK 6:	25 – 30 July 2011	Philosophy & Pedagogy, Child, Family, And Community, Observation
WEEK 7: [6 days]	01 – 06 August 2011	Philosophy & Pedagogy, Personal Development, Observation

### MODULE II

**PRACTICUM** September 2011 – June 2012. Minimum of 400 hours. The Practicum begins after successful completion of the summer Academic Phase. No part of the practicum can precede the academic coursework.

**SEMINARS [3] in 2011-2012** Saturdays and Sundays, 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

FALL SEMINAR	November 2011	exams, material-making projects
WINTER SEMINAR	February 2012	exams, material-making projects
SPRING SEMINAR	April 2012	exams, material-making projects

**TUTORIAL SESSIONS** are held on Sundays from 8:30-5:30 PM six [6] times a year.

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