



AMI 3–6 Diploma Course in Estonia 2021–2023

AMI Montessori training gives you a possibility to gain an internationally recognised diploma for working in a Montessori environment with 3–6 year old children. Some countries may have their additional educational requirements for working in early childhood education. You will become a knowledgeable adult who supports the child in reaching their full developmental potential and becoming a lifelong learner. You will experience both intellectual and practical learning. Theory and hands-on work with the materials alternates during the course. In addition, you will practice observation and teaching in authentic Montessori groups.

Aims:

To provide the students with a deep understanding of Montessori theory, the Montessori materials and their function as aids to child development.

The student will learn to apply the knowledge of the method in their work in the future.

Organizer: **Estonian Montessori Institute** (Eesti Montessori Instituut MTÜ (Estonian Montessori Institute NGO), reg nr 80570639).

Website: www.mariamontessori.ee

Contact: info@mariamontessori.ee

Course Director: **Marja-Leena Tyrväinen**, Finnish Montessori Training organization (Suomen Montessori-koulutus tmi), according to the requirements (studies and exams) of the AMI (Association Montessori Internationale).

Marja-Leena Tyrväinen has over 30 years of experience in teaching children at Primary level. She has a Finnish Early Childhood Education degree from University and in addition adult education studies. She has been an AMI Montessori Primary Trainer since 2001 directing training in Sweden and Switzerland as well as co-directing courses in Romania, Denmark, Sweden and China. Of course, most of the trainings have taken place in Finland. She is also an international examiner.



Study plan 2021–2023

Module format, onsite (if there are some restrictions, some modules may be partially online). During the module studies will take place from Monday to Friday, at 14:00–21:00.

- Module 1 20.09–08.10.2021 (3 weeks)
- Module 2 07.03–25.03.2022 (3 weeks)
- Module 3 19.09–14.10.2022 (4 weeks)
- Module 4 16.01–10.02.2023 (4 weeks)
- Module 5 03.04–07.04.2023 (1 week)
- Module 6 24.07–25.08.2023 (5 weeks)

Course place: North coast of Estonia in Harku parish, Harju County (approx. 25 km from capital city Tallinn) in Pangapealse Kindergarten Montessori classroom which is located in Meriküla training center (<https://www.merikylakeskus.ee/>).

More photos of the classroom on Instagram [Meriküla Montessori \(@merikylamontessori\)](https://www.instagram.com/merikylamontessori).

Address of the location:

Tilgu tee 53, Meriküla village

76905 Harju County

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Course language:

- English with Estonian interpretation;
- obligatory reading in English (or other language if the books are available to use);
- written works and albums in English or in Estonian;
- practice in kindergarten groups in English or in any other language that is fluent for the participant;
- written and oral exams in English (or Estonian with the help of the interpreter).

Course fee - 9200 euros total

Non-refundable registration fee - 1200 euros

If we have received your application form, we will invoice you for the registration fee - 1200 euros (total). Payment period is 7 weekdays.

Course fees can be paid in installments:

Registration fee: 1200 euros

1. module 1200 euros
2. module 1800 euros
3. module 1800 euros
4. module 1560 euros
5. module 600 euros
6. module 1040 euros

Total: 9200 euros

Payment includes AMI membership fees during the course and exams fees (if exams are made on time).

The student is responsible for possible visa, travels, lodging and other costs (for example course reading material) etc.

Additional information:

- If you withdraw from the course before starting 20.09.2021 you need to pay the registration fee and the first installment.
- In case of quitting the course the already paid installments will not be returned.
- If the student withdraws from the course after 31 of May 2022 the whole payment is required.
- Course dates may be changing before the course starts or during the course, the organizer will inform you at first chance.
- If the course will be cancelled, the registration fee will be returned.
- For special agreements please contact info@mariamontessori.ee

Enrollment criteria: Students need to have an adequate level of spoken and written English. Ability to study at a higher academic level and read the obligatory books. Positive motivation to study and willingness to positively and constructively cooperate with the Course Director and the organizer of the course. Preferably, the participant has acquired or is in the process of acquiring higher education.



**Content:**

600 h theory and working with the Montessori materials at the training centre:

Montessori pedagogy: philosophy and history

Montessori method: Materials for Practical Life, Sensorial, Language, Math, Culture

Observation 90h

Teaching Practice 120h in AMI 3–6 Montessori environments

Project work

Manuals for each material area are made as well as some language and culture materials.

Final Exams: two written ones and oral exam (last module)

Literature:

Maria Montessori:

“The Absorbent Mind”

“The Secret of Childhood”

“The Discovery of the Child”

“The Formation of Man”

“To Educate the Human Potential”

“Advanced Montessori Method –Vol 1”

“Citizen of the World”

Mario M. Montessori Jr.: “Education for Human Development”

more books for reference exist

Requirements for finishing the course and gaining an international AMI Diploma:

The mandatory parts:

- Written and oral exams (during last module)
- Observation and teaching practice at Montessori preschools
- Written essays
- Montessori material manuals and some handmade materials (language, culture etc.)
- Full payment
- Attendance 90%

Practice

90 hrs observation and 120 hours teaching practice in Montessori 3–6 environment with AMI trained guide.

In Estonia there are some opportunities for practice in Estonian or in Russian.

But there are English-speaking kindergartens in many other countries worldwide and if there are Montessori kindergartens in your country of residence, you can have practice in your language environment.



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Meriküla center offers accommodation (not included in the course fee). If you wish to have more information, please contact us and we can help with the reservation.

See some pictures: <https://www.merikylakeskus.ee/et/majutus-ja-kampingud>

During the course days there is an opportunity to use the kitchen for preparing some easy snacks or store the food. Nearest cafes and shops are 10 minutes drive (in Tabasalu).

Registration: [please download the application form and fill in](#)

For completing the registration, please fill this application form, print it, sign it and send us a scanned copy, attach CV, motivation letter and copy of your document. After receiving these documents we will compile you an invoice of the registration fee.

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