

Interested in Montessori Teaching?

Montessori is a hands-on, individualized approach to learning that centers on the whole child. Dr. Maria Montessori developed her educational philosophy and teaching method in 1907 and there are still Montessori schools thriving around the world!

In South Carolina, 19 public school districts have Montessori programs serving children in 3K – middle school. There are four levels of Montessori teacher training:

- Primary (3k-5k)
- Lower Elementary (grades 1-3)
- Upper Elementary (grades 4-6)
- Middle School Level (grades 6-8)

To become a Montessori teacher, you must have:

- Current SC Certification in Early Childhood or Elementary Education and MACTE Accredited Montessori Training
OR
- Bachelor's degree, MACTE Accredited Montessori training, and required PLT and Praxis II exams

Montessori Teacher Training

- Can be obtained from a variety of sources nationwide
- Can be obtained in SC through:
 - Lander University in Greenwood, SC (courses are graduate level and can lead to a Master's degree)
 - Florence School District One
 - Institute for Guided Studies in Camden, SC
 - Montessori Teacher Training Institute in Clemson, SC
 - Seacoast Center for Education in Mount Pleasant, SC (Lower Elementary and Upper Elementary levels only)
- Can be obtained while teaching in a traditional classroom
- Classes are often held on weekends and in the summer
- Can be completed in 18-24 months
- May be paid for by the public school district in which the teacher plans to work

Montessori Positions Available

Openings vary each year and from school to school. For a list of current public school Montessori programs, see the Montessori page on the SCDE website

<http://ed.sc.gov/agency/se/school-transformation/MontessoriPrograms.cfm>

Scholarships

The American Montessori Society frequently offers scholarships to assist teachers in obtaining Montessori certification. Please visit www.amshq.org for more information.

For more information regarding Montessori programs and other school choice options, please contact:

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