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**SPECIAL PURPOSE AWARD LEVEL 6
MONTESSORI EDUCATION
FOR DEMENTIA**

ONLINE WORKSHOP AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME

Certificate in Montessori Education for Dementia (Level 6)



If you are looking for ways to transform your elder care community to an environment of joy and purpose, you've come to the right place! During this programme you will learn about Montessori Education for Dementia, an innovative approach to care which enables individuals to care for themselves, others, and their community — bringing purpose and meaning to elders' lives, and increasing staff satisfaction significantly.

About St Nicholas Montessori College

St Nicholas Montessori College is Ireland's leading provider of Montessori and Early Years professionals offering undergraduate and postgraduate teacher training programmes. Our programmes are accredited by QQI and are recognised by DCYA, Pobal and SUSI, receiving domestic and international recognition. This programme supports our vision to bring excellence in Montessori education to the broader education landscape.

About the Programme Director

Jennifer Brush, MA, CCC/SLP is the Program Director for Montessori Education for Dementia. She is an award-winning author, dementia educator and consultant. Jennifer serves on the Association Montessori International's (AMI) Advisory Board for Montessori for Ageing and Dementia and is one of two AMI Certified Trainer of Trainers in the world.



Jennifer is the author of numerous research articles and books about dementia, including the definitive guide, *Montessori for Elder and Dementia Care*. She is well known for her innovative research in the areas of supportive environments for the elderly and the memory intervention, Spaced Retrieval.

Who should study this Programme ?

This Level 6 Certificate is for healthcare workers, Montessori educators, school leavers/high school graduates, graduates of QQI level 5 and 6 education and healthcare programmes, mature entrants, international students and graduates changing career direction, all of whom have a desire to apply Montessori philosophy to ageing and dementia in order to improve outcomes for elders living with cognitive impairment. Home carers and family members caring for relatives with dementia can also gain valuable insight and learn practical skills that will have genuine impact.



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(LEVEL 6) MONTESSORI EDUCATION FOR DEMENTIA

Overview

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Having completed the introductory workshop, participants can continue to work towards the combined blended-learning QQI accredited 30 ECTS (6 months) Certificate and AMI Practitioner Certification. The course is delivered through a combination of live online sessions, in-class workshops, self-directed learning and professional practice in the placement module.

Programme modules:

- MED 1: Montessori Education across a Lifespan
- MED 2: Attention, Learning and Memory
- MED 3: Understanding Dementia
- MED 4: Applied Montessori: Prepared Environments for Dementia

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate, High School Diploma (or further qualifications e.g. Bachelor's Degree)

Fees

€1790pp Course Fee (incl. Workshop fee)
 €1590pp Group Discount 4+ (incl. Workshop fee)

April Duration: 6 months ONLINE*

Due to COVID-19 this course will be offered completely online in April 2021

October Duration: 6 months Blended

This course is scheduled to continue as validated as a Blended Learning course

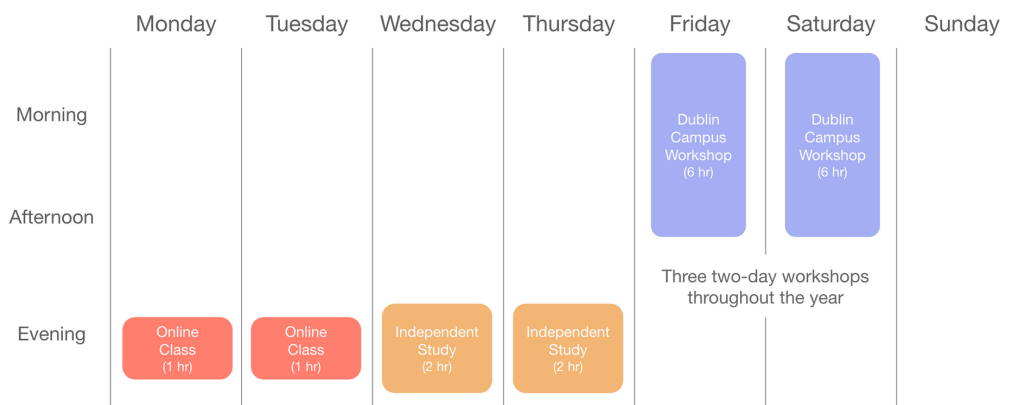
April Dates

Workshop 1: 15, 16, 17 April 2021 (ONLINE)
 Workshop 2: 18 - 19 June 2021 (ONLINE)
 Workshop 3: 27 - 28 August 2021 (ONLINE)
 19 April: Course (ONLINE)

October Dates

Workshop 1: 8, 9 October (Dun Laoghaire)
 Workshop 2: 18 - 19 June 2021 (Dun Laoghaire)
 Workshop 3: 27 - 28 August 2021 (Dun Laoghaire)
 19 April: Course (ONLINE)

A Typical Week in the MED Programme



Hours of live online class sessions: 2 hours
 Hours of independent study: 2-4 hours
 Three two-day workshops throughout the year

ONLINE INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP OR WORKSHOP ONLY

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

MONTESSORI EDUCATION FOR DEMENTIA

Overview

Entry Requirements None

Having completed the introductory workshop, participants can continue to work towards the combined blended-learning QQI accredited 30 ECTS (6 mths) Certificate and AMI Diploma. The course is delivered through a combination of live online sessions, in-class workshops, self-directed learning and professional practice in the placement module. Programme modules:

- Person Centred Care
- Care of Elders (In Ireland?)
- Montessori Across the Lifespan
- Montessori in Aged Care Settings
- Creating supportive dementia environments
- Montessori Demonstrations & Practice
- Understanding Dementia & Memory
- Transformation of Care Settings using Montessori Philosophy

Fees €250 Workshop ONLY

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April Duration: 3 days ONLINE

October Duration: 2 days (Dun Laoghaire)

April Dates 15, 16, 17 April 2021 ONLINE

October Dates 8, 9 October 2021

Outline of April 3 day workshop below:

<p>17:00 Ireland Time / 15 April 2021 Welcome and Introductions</p> <p>17:15 Ireland Time Person-Centered Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What is Person-Centered Care?</i>• <i>Person-Centered Engagement</i>• <i>Person-Centered Assessments</i>• <i>The Value of Roles</i> <p>Why Montessori?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Background of Dr. Montessori's Work</i>• <i>Key Discoveries of Human Development</i>• <i>Key Components of Montessori Education</i> <p>18:00 Ireland Time Break</p> <p>18:35 Ireland Time Applying Montessori Methods to the Care Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Montessori for Aging and Dementia</i>• <i>Essential Components</i>• <i>The Prepared Environment</i>• <i>Grace and Courtesy</i>• <i>Observation</i>• <i>Addressing Responsive Behaviors</i> <p>21:00 Ireland Time End</p>
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<p>17:00 Ireland Time/ 16 April 2021 Applying Montessori</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Independence</i>• <i>Developing Activities</i>• <i>Developing Roles</i>• <i>Presenting Montessori Activities</i> <p>17:15 Ireland Time Break</p> <p>18:30 Ireland Time Applying Montessori</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Montessori Demonstrations</i>• <i>Discussion of Practice Session</i>• <i>Assessing Outcome</i>• <i>Take Aways</i> <p>21:00 Ireland Time End</p>

<p>13:00 Ireland Time/ 17 April 2021 Understanding Dementia & Memory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What is Dementia?</i>• <i>Types of Dementia</i>• <i>How Memory Works</i>• <i>Memory Books</i> <p>14:00 Ireland Time Best Practices for Dementia Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Meaningful Engagement Plans</i> <p>14:30 Ireland Time Break</p> <p>14:45 Ireland Time Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Communication</i>• <i>Evidence-Based Design</i>• <i>Environmental Barriers & Facilitators</i> <p>15:30 Ireland Time Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Spaced Retrieval</i>• <i>Spaced Retrieval Case Studies</i> <p>16:30 Ireland Time Putting Montessori into Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Where to Begin?</i>• <i>Phases of Implementation</i>• <i>Creating an Action Plan</i> <p>17:00 Ireland Time End</p>
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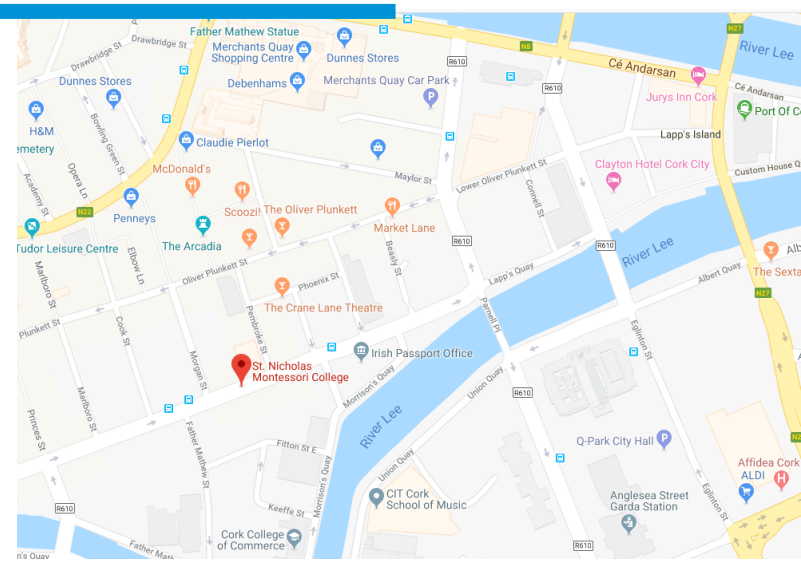
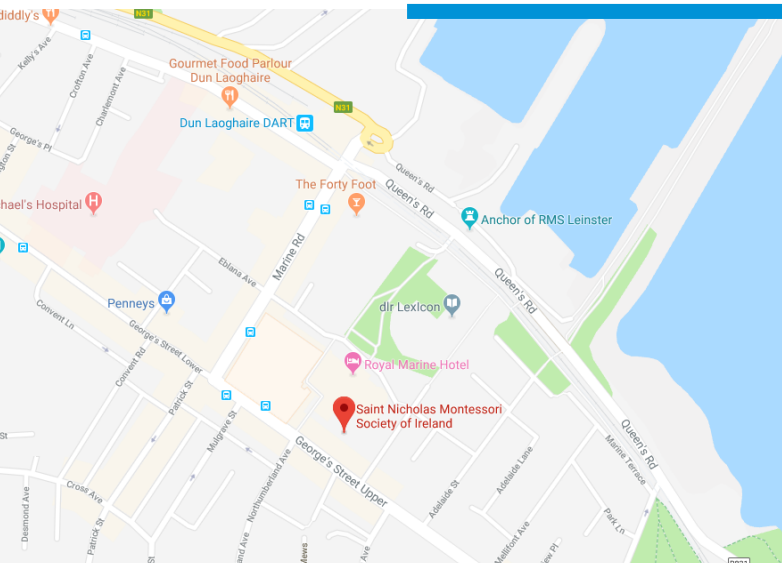




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