Metropolitan State University Psychology Department

and

The Montessori Training Center

Information for Students

1. Students enrolled in The Montessori Training Center of Minnesota, Inc., St. Paul, Minnesota, who meet Metropolitan State University admissions requirements, may have competencies gained through The Montessori Training Center assessed for academic credit at Metropolitan State University. The Montessori Training Center is accredited by The Association Montessori International.

2. The Montessori competencies will be accepted toward the Metropolitan State Psychology Major and the Early Childhood Studies Major with a focus in Montessori Primary (3-6 years) Education.

3. The Montessori competencies total 27 semester credits, and Montessori students will have met the following major requirements for the:

   **Psychology Major**
   - Core courses: The developmental psychology requirement fulfilled.
   - Psychology Electives: Requirement fulfilled.
   - Application of Knowledge: Requirement fulfilled.

   **Early Childhood Studies Major**
   - Core courses: The Child Psychology requirement fulfilled.
   - Early Childhood Studies Electives: Requirement fulfilled.
   - Teaching Internship: Requirement fulfilled.

4. Montessori students may register for Montessori competencies any semester at Metropolitan State University, but not later than two years after fulfilling the requirements of The Montessori Training Center program. Students completing the Montessori program more than two years ago may register at Metropolitan State for Montessori competencies with the permission of the Montessori Director.

5. Students pay all instructional charges for the Montessori training directly to the Montessori Training Center.

6. Students wishing assistance with Metropolitan State admissions should contact Marcia Anderson at (612) 659-7304 or e-mail: marcia.anderson@metrostate.edu. Students must be admitted to Metropolitan State prior to registration for Montessori competencies.

7. Student tuition at Metropolitan State University is $25.00 per semester credit. (This rate may change in the future as Metropolitan State tuition rates change.)

8. To register for Montessori competence assessment at Metropolitan State, students should contact Charlotte Nitardy at charlotte.nitardy@metrostate.edu.

9. Charlotte Nitardy will contact Laurie Salin in St. Paul Registrations at (651) 793-1238.

10. A list of the nine Montessori training competencies is attached.

Enclosure
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Psychology Department

Montessori Training Competencies accepted toward the Psychology Major with a focus in
Montessori Primary Education

Psyc 365a  Human Relations and Self-Awareness Among Young Children
Knows the theory and developmental processes of human relations and self-awareness among young
children, specifically: aims and results of practical life, responsibilities of the adult, the four groups of
practical life, preparation of the environment, the importance of freedom in human development, elements
of the materials and components of presentation, and can use observation to support instruction. 3
semester credits; evaluator – Nancy Keane (Course ID Number 425-35-165)

Psyc 365b  Language Development
Knows the theories and approaches to the sensitive periods for language development including spoken
language, and preparation for writing and reading including techniques for presentation of materials. 3
semester credits; evaluator – Nancy Keane. (Course ID Number 425-35-265)

Psyc 365c  Cognitive Skills Development
Knows the cognitive skills and potential of children ages 3-6 and can organize activities that enhance
learning of patterns and inquiry. 3 semester credits; evaluator – Molly O’Shaughnessy. (Course ID
Number 425-35-365)

Psyc 365d  Creative Activities Development
Knows and can apply concepts and approaches to teaching cultural and creative activities to young
children (ages 3-6) including geography, plant and animal life, simple science, music and movement, and
art. 3 semester credits; evaluator - Molly O’Shaughnessy. (Course ID Number 425-35-465)

Psyc 365e  Foundations of the Montessori Method
Knows the history, theory, and methodology of the Montessori method well enough to write theory papers
and examinations on the subject and to describe it to others. 3 semester credits; evaluator - Molly
O’Shaughnessy. (Course ID Number 425-35-565)

Psyc 365f  Perceptual-motor Development
Knows the theories and approaches to perceptual-motor development well enough to present materials to
children and understand how the senses assist the child in development. 3 semester credits; evaluator –
Nancy Keane. (Course ID Number 425-35-665)

Psyc 365g  Teaching Strategies and Social Development
Knows the concepts and approaches to teaching strategies and social development including preparation
of the adult (teacher), developing the prepared environment, and social development of the children. 3
semester credits; evaluator - Molly O’Shaughnessy. (Course ID Number 425-35-765)

Psyc 365h  Application of Knowledge/Practicum
Knows and can apply theories and methods of Montessori education well enough to observe children,
make individual and group presentations, keep records, and prepare and make teaching materials,
sequence materials, and set up a classroom. 5 semester credits; evaluators – Nancy Keane and Molly
O’Shaughnessy. (Course ID Number 425-35-865)

Psyc 365i  Application of Knowledge: Observation Methods and Report Writing
Knows concepts and approaches to the methods of observation of pre-school children, including the need
for observation, the purposes of observation, how to observe, topics for observation, and writing
observation reports. 2 semester credits; evaluator – Molly O’Shaughnessy. (Course ID Number 425-35-
965)