

Option to Earn Undergraduate Credit for Montessori Teacher Training Program

Students of the Southwest Institute of Montessori Studies (SIMS) have the opportunity to earn 21 undergraduate credits for the work that they will do in the teacher training course. These credits are offered through University of Mary, which has a satellite campus in Tempe, Arizona.

These credits can be used toward an undergraduate degree either at the University of Mary or can be transferred to any other university or college accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, which includes:

- Arizona State University
- University of Arizona
- Northern Arizona University
- Grand Canyon University
- All Arizona Community Colleges

Enrollment/Registration

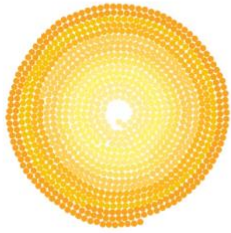
The program is offered through a dual-enrollment arrangement. The first step in the process is to apply and enroll in the teacher training program at SIMS. Once enrolled, students will be required to *register as non-degree seeking students* at the University of Mary. This can be done online at: <http://www.umary.edu/admissions/apply-undergraduate.php> .

Courses and Credits

Students will earn 9 credits during the first semester, and 12 credits during the second semester. Final grades will be submitted by the SIMS trainer for the work done in the course.

Semester 1:

1. MTS 210 Montessori Practicum I 6 Credits
Students will demonstrate an integration of the Montessori Method and child development with Practical Life and Sensorial materials instruction and practice.
2. MTS 240 Montessori Observation Practicum 3 Credits
Students will learn the important role that observation plays in the Montessori education setting. Students will conduct 90 hours of in-person observations in Montessori classrooms.



Semester 2:

3. MTS 320 Montessori Practicum II 6 Credits
Students will demonstrate an integration of the Montessori Method and child development with Language Arts and Emergent Literacy, Mathematics, Social Development in Young Children, Creative Activities: Music, Art, Movement, and Drama, Geography and Culture, Science, Teaching Strategies, and Classroom Management.

4. MTS 420 Montessori Practicum III 3 Credits
Students will demonstrate knowledge and integration of the Montessori approach to education and child development by participating in written and oral exams.

5. MTS 460 Montessori Teaching Practicum 3 Credits
Students will complete 120 hours of Practice Teaching in an externship setting in active Montessori classrooms. SIMS will arrange to place students with AMI trained teachers to complete this requirement. Students will present individual and group lessons to children during this phase of their training. 60 hours will be completed in 2 consecutive weeks, daily Monday-Friday. Students will complete the Practice Teaching externship in 2 different classrooms.

What is the Cost?

Students will be required to pay \$90 per credit hour in addition to the tuition and fees paid to SIMS. Students will pay this on a semester basis upon enrollment in each class.

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