





# Guidelines for the 6<sup>th</sup> AMI Elementary Diploma Course (2021 – 2023)

A Cooperation of Montessori CH and DAMIP

# 1. General Information

#### a) Course Contents

The course imparts the knowledge of Maria Montessori's pedagogy for the 6- to 12-year-old child. The Foundation Course conveys the principles and gives a general overview of the Montessori materials for the 3-6 year old children, as it is necessary for the elementary teachers of the ages 6 to 12 to be familiar with. There will be no diploma issued to certify teachers in running a 3-6 classroom; as stated above this section of the course is only an overview of the 3-6 pedagogy. The teacher-training course does not contain acritical comparison between other pedagical approaches.

# b) Recognition by AMI (Association Montessori Internationale)

This course is approved by and officially recognized by the Association Montessori Internationale Amsterdam. AMI sets the requirements according to which the diploma will be earned by the participant at the end of the course. The Course Guidelines conform allAMI requirements.

# 2. Enrollments and Fees

To enroll in the course, participants must submit a signedenrollment form to Montessori CH. The signature confirms that the Course Guidelines have been read and are a binding part of the course contract. Montessori CH will confirm the participant'sacceptance in the course as soon as the enrollment procedures, are completed: this process includes an evaluation of the enrollment documents and an interview

# a) The following documents are required for enrollment:

- Completely filled out enrollment form
- Curriculum vitae (CV)
- Motivation report
- School or university credentials:
  - 1. Graduation certificates or transcripts

Professional training certificates completion of a college degree; or the successfull completion of the first half of a teacher training degree in pedagogy or psychology; bachelor; or the completion of an apprenticeship as educator, Kindergarten teacher or a social worker.
 Job evaluation

- three letters of recommendation (originals) from people that can evaluate the applicant on their professional competences
- three passport photos

• Enrollment fee of CHF 500/450 Euro (Please attach a copy of the money transfer receipt.) Normally, there is a requirement for a state license in teaching to be able to teach at a Montessori school after completing the course. Although this state license is not a requirement for being admitted to the course, we do recommend that participants investigate whether such a license is needed for the respective country of occupation.







# b) Course fees:

Enrollment Fee: Foundation Course f	submit with enrollment documer ee: Invoice September 2021	nts	500 CHF/450 Euro 2.320 CHF		
Course Fees: to DAMIP (a total of 5.500 Euro)					
	Module 1 until the 31 <sup>st</sup> of March	2022	1.650 Euro		
Module 2 until the 30 <sup>th</sup> of June		2022	2.200 Euro		
	Module 3 until the 30th of September	2022	1.650 Euro		
to Montessori CH (a total of 7.180 CHF)					
•		2023	2.320 CHF		
	Module 5 until the 30 <sup>th</sup> of June	2023	2.320 CHF		
	Module 6 until the 30 <sup>th</sup> of September	2023	1.740 CHF		
	Examination Fee until the 30th of Sept	t. 2023	800 CHF		
Recipient for Modules 1 to 3; and Enrollment Fee:					

# Deutschsprachige AMI Pädagogen e. V.

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	Zeppelinstr. 10, D - 27356 Rotenburg (is required for foreign bank transfers)
Bankadress:	Sparkasse Rotenburg-Osterholz, Kivinanstr. 11, D - 27404 Zeven
IBAN:	DE65 2415 1235 0026 0110 56
SWIFT-BIC:	BRLADE21ROB

# Recipient for the Foundation Course, Modules 4 to 6 and Examination Fee:

	Montessori CH
	Alte Landstr. 153, CH - 8706 Meilen (is required for foreign bank transfers)
Bankaddress:	Raiffeisenbank Region Stans, Robert-Durrer-Str. 2, CH - 6370 Stans
IBAN:	CH42 8122 3000 0077 2026 5
SWIFT-BIC:	RAIFCH22

The transfers must be made <u>free from bank charges</u> at our expense. Any bank charges must be charged later. Payment by credit card is <u>not possible</u> because the bank charges are too high.

#### c) Fees in case of early-withdrawal

The course fees are calculated in such a way that the expenses of the association Montessori CH can be met for carrying out the entire course. For this reason, early termination by the student or a withdrawal during the course is not possible. If, however, someone leaves the course after the admission, this takes place at an untimely time, which leads to a financial loss of the association Montessori CH as part of the unpaid course fees. The student has, therefore, at the time of his / her exit to discharge the following costs in addition to the course fees already due under 2b:

At the time of withdrawal after the Foundation Course:	12.180 CHF
At the time of withdrawal after Module 2:	8.120 CHF
At the time of withdrawal after Module 4:	4.060 CHF
At the time of withdrawal after Module 6:	800 CHF

In case of acts of God or other considerable circumstance that are not caused by the student and hinder his/her further participation in the course Montessori CH strives to refund an appropriate portion of the course fees and find a reasonable solution for both sides.







# d) Late Payments

If due payments are not made, Montessori CH can exclude students from further participation. Point 2c will come into effect.

#### e) Paying by Installments

On request, in justified cases students may request paying by installments.

# f) Continuation of the course by force majeure

If through an Act of God the continuation of the course is put in question (e.g. invalidity or death of the course director) Montessori CH will do its utmost to allow the course to continue. Should this not be possible Montessori CH will refund the fees for the part of the course that has not yet taken place, calculated on a basis of pro rata temporis. There will be no further refunds to the students. In such a case, students may be able to enroll in other AMI-Institutions since the curriculum is essentially the same

# 3. Course dates and timetable

#### a) Calendar

Many years of preparation are required in order to practice a profession. If, as in this case, the preparation for the profession of a Montessori Elementary Teacher must be achieved within a few months, then all available possibilities have to be made use of including the use of Saturdays. Alterations are subject to change by the director of the course.

#### b) Course Calendar

Foundation Course:	22.10.2021 02.11.2021 – 12.11.2021 03.01.2022 – 14.01.2022	4 pm - 7 pm (2 weeks online) (2 weeks online)		
Module 1 in Linsengericht:	11.04.2022 – 30.04.2022 18.07.2022 – 12.08.2022	(3 weeks)		
Module 2 in Linsengericht: Module 3 in Linsengericht:	10.10.2022 - 12.08.2022	(4 weeks) (3 weeks)		
Module 4 in Meilen:	03.04.2023 – 28.04.2023	(4 weeks)		
Module 5 in Meilen:	24.07.2023 - 18.08.2023	(4 weeks)		
Module 6 in Meilen:	02.10.2023 - 20.10.2023	(3 weeks)		
Examination week:	23.10.2023 - 27.10.2023	(1 week)		
(Subject to be changed)				

It is necessary to reserve some time for the observation weeks between the course modules during the school year 2021/2022 and likewise for the teaching practice during the school year 2022/2023 (see 4g und 4h).

AMI sets the dates for the oral examination and the course director will make it public as soon as it is known.

It is necessary that students are available during the whole period of the oral examinations in case a further exam session has to be held.







# c) Timetable

The timetable requires the student to be present from Monday through Friday from 8.30 - 17.00h and occasionally also on a Saturday or into an evening. Details will be announced at a later point. The making of the albums and materials is the responsibility of each student and has to take place outside the course hours after the lectures and practicals.

# 4. Requirements of the Course

#### a) Attendance

Students must be present at all the obligatory course activities. This concerns lectures, supervised practicals, discussions, visits for observations at schools, teaching practice at schools, written exams, and oral exams.

Absence is only accepted if there are important and unavoidable reasons. In cases of foreseeable reasons there must be a written application and in case of unforeseeable reasons (illness, etc.) there must be a signed letter of explanation on return. Coming late into a session will be calculated as one hour of absence. Students that appear after the attendance register has been read, must report to the course assistant. Lectures and supervised practicals start promptly at the time indicated on the time-table. If the absence of an activity amounts to more than 10% of its total time, the missing time in this particular activity must be made up. In case of lectures this is not possible (see also: final exams 4i and 4j, retention of the diploma 8b). It is recommended to keep a record on absences, to secure that a minimum of 90% of attendance is kept, as this is an AMI requirement.

#### b) Lectures

Lectures impart the theory oft he Montessori Pedagogy and serve to demonstrate of the presentations of the Montessori materials. Further they are an introduction to the Montessori literature, a preparation for discussions, the repetition of the course contents and a preparation for the final exams. The Montessori Materials and theory from the following subjects are being presented: Language, Mathematics, Geometry, Geography, History, Biology, Music and Art. Some guidelines for Physical Education and Religion will also be given.

At intervals there will eventually be informal examinations on the curriculum given in the lectures. The results serve as an orientation both for students as well as the teaching staff. They however do not serve as apart of the valuation at the final exams.

#### c) Albums

The AMI requires that all students make their own albums containing the write ups and illustrations of all Montessori-materials presented during the course. These albums are to be made by each student - individually. They represent the contents of the course that each student has taken part in. Contents from other courses or sources are not part of these albums.

The basis for the albums is notes and sketches that have been made during the lectures. It is therefore necessary that each student makes complete notes on all that has been presented.

The drawing up of the albums serves to internalise that which has been heard during the lectures, to prepare for the exams and to prepare for the work with children.

Albums can be written in English or German language.

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The albums contain the following:

- From the theory lecture written accounts (in whole sentences with headings) of the essence of the lectures given. Reflective essays on certain themes of the theory, sources being Maria Montessori's own writings the lectures and discussions of the students
- Presentations that have been given in the lectures are to be recorded in such a manner, that the student is able produce afresh the before mentioned presentation. The write ups of each presentation must contain title, aims, relevant information, list of materials, description of the materials, subtitles to the different steps of the presentation, actions and key words of the person presenting the material, sketches, and layouts of the various steps of the presentation, variations and exercises, activities of the children.
- Great stories can be given as examples to be put as an additional information.
- Drawings are necessary for illustrations as well as for materials and layouts where text alone does not suffice to create a clear reproduction. Drawings of the layout must represent the most important steps as well as the final presentation. Description and drawings are to clearly explain the aim of the presentation.
- Minimal handouts and great stories, which have been supplied during the course and form a declared part of the albums.
- Other copied material, photographs, Internet downloads, clipart or electronically duplica-ted texts from other authors are NOT part of the albums.

Format of the albums:

- DIN A4 paper, white, text at least 12 points height, 1.5-line, 2.5 cm borders on all pages
- Text to a new title begin on a new page, titles and subtitles are the same as on the provided outlines by the lecturer
- Important expressions and terms as well as deciding parts of the text for the presentation are to be rendered prominent, spoken words idented
- Sketches are to be inserted in the relevant text
- Albums are usually typed. The use of a laptop during lectures is allowed
- No pictures or sound recordings of the lectures are allowed

Reading of the albums:

• Sections of the albums are to be handed weekly and at the start of a course module to the staff for control/check reading. This control reading is meant as a service to the students and a feedback about their work. The read sections are returned to the students with written remarks. The written remarks are to be kept by the students. As soon as the corresponding corrections in the albums have been made, the written remarks will be crossed off. Towards the end of the course all the sheets of the written remarks together with the final version of the albums are to be handed in.

Sections of the albums that have been corrected have to be handed in again.

• The reading of the albums is not intended to be a complete correction. There is no claim to supply complete tips about faulty or missing parts of the albums. The responsibility for the quality of the albums lies with the students.







Standards of assessment:

- AMI Elementary training course is demanding and exacting comparable to graduate level work. Throughout the course, the Director of Training will make periodic evaluations of the theory and practical work of the students. Any student not performing at the expected standards may be asked to withdraw from the course.
- Timely submissions of album work by the date due
- Clear and complete written presentations. Accurate reflection of the presentations given on the course in which the student is enrolled. Note that only albums that reflect the course being followed can be evaluated toward this requirement.
- Evidence of understanding the nature of the assignment
- Neatness and legibility, easy to read font and adequate line spacing
- Edited for correct grammar and spelling, including complete sentences, paragraphs, and subtitles (when applicable)
- Adequate and accurate illustrations absolutely no downloaded Internet material should appear in reference albums
- MUST BE THE STUDENT'S ORIGINAL WORK
- Plagiarism is ground for dismissal from the course. (See 5, Academic Integrity)

Handing in sections of the albums:

- The periodically handed in sheets are listed on the assignment sheet. The pages are to be numbered in pencil at the bottom of the sheet. These numbers serve to order the commentary of the readers and are not to be erased before the final checking of the albums.
- The single pages are not to be put into plastic covers, stapled, or paperclipped.
- The sheets of a subject are to be put into a cardboard folder and handed in with the name of the student on the outside.
- Album-sections will only be read when they are handed in on the agreed date complete with text and illustrations.

Corrections:

• It is the responsibility of the student to correct the albums according to the remarks, changes and supplements made by the reader.

Final examination of the albums:

- For the final examination each album is to be presented.
- The albums, of which there are 8 required, contain the following subject areas: Theory, Mathematics, Language, Geometry, Biology, Geography, History, Music and Art.
- The binders are to be marked clearly with the name of the student and the subject; each binder contains an index with page numbers which correspond with the page numbers on all pages.
- Incomplete or incorrect albums may be resubmitted after they have been corrected on an agreed date. If by that time the albums are still incorrect or incomplete, the issuing of the diploma is withheld until such a time where the shortcoming has been put right.
- For the oral exams the albums will be presented to the examiners.







#### d) Selfmade materials:

- The required selfmade materials, such as the 100 charts and 5 times lines, are to be presented at the announced time.
- The production of other materials is recommended i.e., Nomenclature, Command cards
- These materials can be handmade (time consuming) or copies can be bought. Costs for copies and coloring pencils (materials) have to be budgeted. These materials are subject to the copyright and are neither allowed to be resold, nor duplicated.
- The required materials for the course have to be handed in at a previously announced date and will be checked to their correctness by the course staff. Inaccurate examples have to be corrected. If by the end of the course the materials are not complete or incorrect, the issuing of the diploma is withheld until the materials are handed in as requested.

# e) Books, Essays:

There are several readings for the course:

- By Dr. Maria Montessori:
  - Education and Peace
  - From Childhood to Adolescence
  - The Absorbent Mind
  - The Advanced Montessori Method Volume One
  - The Advanced Montessori Method Volume Two
  - To Educate the Human Potential
- Citizen of the World
- By Mario Montessori :
  - The Human Tendencies and Montessori Education
- The purchase of these books must be budgeted. The knowledge that has been acquired through reading these books is essential to discussions, short exams and to the practical work with the materials.
- Themes on theory will have to be prepared from certain more closely described passages of literature, which will further a overall view of Montessori principles. These essays will have to be submitted in a similar way as the albums.

#### f) Practicals

- Attendance at supervised practicals (see timetable point 3c) is mandatory- at least 90%.
- There are times when unsupervised practicals are possible.
- The purpose of the practicals is to exercise the presentation of the Montessori materials. It is important to practice the handling and presentation of each material.
- Later on, during the finals and naturally during teaching practice with the children a certain aptitude and ease with the materials is required.
- From time-to-time students give presentations in the presence of the teaching staff. Afterwards these presentations will be discussed in detail.
- The time during supervised practicals is not to be used to write up the albums.







# g) Observations

It is important to observe the children in Montessori classes in order to acquire an aptitude in
observing and to verify the insights of Maria Montessori. Observing means to accept the role of
a guest student, who does not perform a teaching activity, but is only asked to observe precisely.
Focal point of the observations is the children and not the procedures of the teacher or the daily
routine.

#### Requirements:

- It is necessary to spend at least 90 hours with the children, including break times, as far as it is
  possible to observe the children during that time. These observations may take three to four
  weeks according to the timetable of the schools concerned. It should not be less than three
  weeks. The whole of this time should be divided up into two sections, but neither of them lasting less than a week.
- The student should at least visit two different schools.
- In case of absence 4a applies. In case of absence, the school concerned, as well as Montessori CH, has to be informed at once. Also, if school is cancelled (e.g. heat, class outings, etc.) 4a applies accordingly.

Choice of schools:

- The course director determines the time span during which the students arrange times and schools for their observations.
- Classes that are run by teachers with an AMI Elementary diploma are required.
- Observations may take place in the entire German and English-speaking area, provided there are suitable classes available. Visiting an AMI recognized class abroad, especially in USA, is only recommended, if the student knows the language.
- If a participant owns or is already employed at a Montessori School, then their obser-vations must take place at another school; likewise, a participant may not use their own children as their observation subjects if their children attend a Montessori School.
- The director of the course will submit a list of recommended schools. By the middle of the first module 2022 proposals of the students have to be submitted to the director of the course, who will then make a choice of the schools in question. Changes need to be announced timely to the Course Director.
- The relevant paperwork will be provided to you upon enrollment on the course.

Travelling and accommodation:

• Travelling and accommodation lie within the responsibility of the student. If you would like to receive a list of possible accomodations in the area of the course location, please contact the course office for this information.

#### Tasks:

- Observations are to be dated and the running records have to be timed. These records are the basis of the written reports which have to be submitted by the students on a set date.
- A record sheet of the students own attendance is to be kept and signed daily by the class teacher and has to be submitted together with the above-mentioned written reports on observation. It is recommended to keep a photocopy of the record sheet of attendance.
- The submitted documents will be judged according to their fulfilment of the requirements set on observations.







#### h) Teaching Practice:

- The teaching practice in the different Montessori schools gives the opportunity to practice the acquired knowledge of the course.
- The focal point is the planning and presenting of materials to small groups (2-5 children) of 6to 12-year-olds, as well as the recording of it.
- Towards the end of the teaching practice, there might be the opportunity to take over the whole class for a limited amount of time.

#### Requirements:

- It is required to spend at least 120 hours with children, including breaks as long as they involve work with children. Subject teaching, after-school programs or when a teacher is adressing the whole classroom cannot be counted as practice teaching time.
- Depending on the schedule of the school this might run for five to six weeks. It must not be less than four weeks, though. The whole time should be split up into two sections, each of which should be at least two concurrent weeks long.
- Two different schools should be visited.
- In case of absence, see 4a. Absence must be reported to the specific school and to Montessori CH. Also, if school is cancelled (i.e., because of heat, class excursion, etc.) see 4a.

Selection of schools:

- The above-mentioned requirements and restrictions for observations, also apply to tea-ching practice.
- The places for practice teaching might be restricted by the trainer, that students may be visited during their teaching practice sessions.

Travel and accommodation:

• The same applys here as for observations (see 4g).

Tasks:

- The students plan their presentations based on the information given by the class teacher concerning the group of children and the time available.
- Records are to be made about the presentations with the help of the forms handed out by the trainer. These records help the student to write a report that is to be handed in at an appointed time.
- An attendance sheet will be signed by the class teacher every day and is to be handed in with the written report. It is recommended to keep a copy of the attendance sheet.
- The submitted documents are judged regarding the fulfilment of the teaching practice requirements.







Visit of students at teaching practice:

If possible, each student will be visited once by one of the course staff during the teaching practice sessions. The results of the visit will be discussed in detail:

- Knowledge of the Montessori pedagogy and the ability to use it with the children in the classroom.
- Knowledge, attitude, and the impression given from the given presentations (language, voice, movements, clothing, attention towards the children and their needs, relationship with the children).
- Taking over other duties in the class
- Cooperation with the class teacher
- Punctuality, sense of duty, ethical integrity

The visit includes a conversation with the class teacher.

# i) Written Final Exams

Three final written examinations consist of one three-hour written exam regarding Montessori theory, and two two-and-one-half hour written exams in the practical aspects of the Montessori method. For the theory portion, students select four out of seven questions to answer. The practical portion, tested over two days, requires the student to answer one of two questions for each of six areas of study. Each question is worth 25 points and a passing grade of 50% is required for each of the two portions of the exam.

To receive a passing score, the student must answer all parts of the question; reflect an understanding of Montessori theory and the ability to relate examples to theoretical points. The answer must include definitions of all relevant terms. All papers are read in the blind by an evaluater. Any paper failing to receive a passing grade will be read by at least one additional evaluator. Any student failing a written paper will be allowed to re-take once within 12 months of the published results.

- Participation is permitted when :
  - all the required course documents are handed in and satisfactory
  - the attendance at the lectures is not less than 90%
  - and all other requirements due are essentially fulfilled.
- The contents of the exams are taken from the albums as well as from the literature that was required to be read during the course and the essays thereof.
- The topics will be sent in a sealed envelope by AMI, Amsterdam which will be opened by the director at the time of the exam.
- The Director of Training before the sommer module will announce the exact time in 2023. Presumably, the exam will be during the fall session of 2023, lasting three days. The course staff will grade the exams, and this will be communicated to the students with the final results. The exams become the property of AMI and will stay with Montessori CH.

#### j) Oral Final Exam

 Each student is required to demonstrate his or her knowledge during an Oral Examination before an examining committee from the Association Montessori Internationale. Committee members are selected from AMI Training Centers and others who are qualified Examiners by the AMI. An AMI appointed examiner heads the examination team. A grade of 12.5 out of 25 points in each of six areas (History, Geography, Geometry, Biology, mathematics, and Language) is required to pass the oral examination.







- To receive a passing mark in each subject, a student must demonstrate that s/he knows:
  - How to present the concept of the material written on the slip chosen in a blind draw
  - The purposes, direct and indirect aims, and the ages of the child/ren to whom the material is presented
  - The exercises that precede the presentation, those that would follow it, and what the exercise prepares for
  - The control of error, if applicable
  - Some general theory about the particular area
  - The highlights and progression of each of the subject

Participation is permitted, if:

- all the required course documents are handed in and satisfactory
- the attendance at the lectures is not less than 90%
- and all other requirements due are essentially fulfilled.
- The oral exam takes place at the end of the course. The exact time will be decided upon by AMI.
- The exam is about three and a half hours per student. The actual length is at the discretion of the examiner. In each of the six subjects: language mathematics, geometry, geography, history and biology the student presents a material according to one of the exam slips and then answers questions from the examiner.
- It lies in the hands of the board of examiners to ask Candidates to repeat part of the exam another day. Therefore, it is necessary that all candidates are available for the whole duration of the exam period.
- The albums are presented to the examiners and remain with them until the end of the exams.
- The sequence of the examinees will be determined by the Course Director.

# 5. Academic Integrity

The students must agree to the following rules of academic integrity fort he duration of the course; academic dishonesty hurts the quality of the course and the accomplished work of others. Examples are:

Plagiarism:

- Nobody will knowingly use someone else's work as his/her own.
- All texts that are being handed in must be one's own personal work.
- Photocopies and electronic duplicates of the work of others cannot be handed in.

Cheating:

• Books, notes, communication with others is only allowed during an examination when specifically mentioned.

Forgery:

- Sources of information are not allowed to be forged, such as attendance documents, letters or other confirmations.
- Help with academic dishonesty:
- Nobody will intentionally or knowingly support academic dishonesty.







• Violations of academic integrity are serious misconduct and can be punished with the dismissal from the course. The course leader must investigate incidents and take appropriate disciplinary measures. The results are recorded in the students' files.

Please note well:

- Submission of unoriginal work, or that of another person, constitutes cause for immediate dismissal from the course. Both parties involved in the passing and sharing of work will be held responsible, and accordingly will be accountable and subject to consequences. No inclusion of illustrations, diagrams, photographs, etc. downloaded from the Internet or obtained from a source other than course staff and guest lecturers on this training course will be permitted.
- All people who assist classmates with work for legitimate reasons (such as illness) must inform the Director of Training immediately of their assistance to avoid misunder-standings and complications. Please obtain a form from the office for this purpose.
- All people who accept assistance from other members of the class must inform the Director of Training immediately as to the source of their assistance to avoid misunderstanding and complications. Please obtain a form from the office for this purpose.

# 6. Progress of studies

# a) Conference

- A minimum of one conference to discuss the individual students progress will be held around the middle of the course or the director will hold periodic conferences as seen necessary.
- Each student, the director or any other person in the course staff can ask for an additional conference at anytime, which will be organized by the course staff.

#### b) Probation

A probation can be set up because of different reasons:

- Acceptance with probation because not all the application requirements were fulfilled.
- Insufficient results in the preparatory course.
- The absences amount to more than 10% of the attendance.
- More than 10% of the album material is not being handed in or has not been executed satisfactorily.
- Other course requirements are not being fulfilled, i.e., observations, teaching practice, including the written reports that go along with both of them.

The time of probation and the requirements to be fulfilled must be discussed and agreed upon by the director and the student; this agreement will be written out and signed by the student.

The probation is finished when the written requirements are fulfilled. This is being decided by the director, who writes a written confirmation to the student.

If the probation ends and the requirements have not been fulfilled, the student will be dismissed from the course. Refunds are processed according to the refund policy.







# 7. Withdrawal

A student may withdraw from the course by submitting a written letter of withdrawal to Montessori CH. The student then receives a written confirmation for the participation of the course up to the withdrawal date. The written confirmation does neither contain any details about lectures and other course requests, nor does it contain a grading of the work done during the course.

# 8. Course Completion

# a) Diploma

The AMI Diploma is granted upon satisfactory completion of all the course requirements and the complete payment of the tuition.

The AMI Diploma confirms that the owner thereof has studied the principles and has practiced the theory of the Montessori pedagogy for the particular age and has passed the written and oral examination.

This Diploma does not automatically permit the owner to teach at any school without fulfilling the requirements of the state concerning teaching credentials. The holder of this diploma is not entitled or certified to train teachers.

# b) Requirements for Certification

The meaning of having passed, deferred, or failed the exam of an AMI course is stated in the AMI document «Requirements for Certification». This document is be signed by the course director and the student with the application for the course.

#### c) Dismissal

Students may be asked to discontinue their course for medical, psychological, academic, or other reasons.

# 9. Course Classrooms

- The rules and regulations set up by the director and/or landlord must be respected.
- The students take on certain responsibilities in keeping the classrooms clean and in order.
- Smoking is not permitted in the classrooms and any of the schools where observation and practice teaching is taking place.
- Participants may only eat ore store food in the permitted areas of the specified rooms.
- Montessori CH cannot be held liable for the disappearance of any personal belongings. It is recommended not to bring any valuables to the course or leave them unattended.
- Childcare or pet care is to be set up outside the course classrooms.
- Each student is responsible to find his or her own accommodations.

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