



Montessori for Aging and Dementia Practitioner's Certificate Information

You may enroll in the Practitioner Certification Course if:

- You have completed the two-day Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) Montessori for Aging and Dementia Workshop with a Certified AMI Educator.
- You understand the principles and techniques for developing and implementing Montessori for Aging and Dementia.
- You would like to develop and implement this innovative intervention for older adults and people with dementia and to serve as a resource for others in your care setting.
- You have access to a computer with an internet connection and a camera. This is course is a self-study class with monthly online mentoring from the instructor.
- **Please note:** The Practitioner's Certificate does not qualify you to teach or train others in Montessori for Aging and Dementia. An AMI Educator's Certification is required to teach the AMI Montessori for Aging and Dementia curriculum.

The Certification Process includes the following:

- Completion of the two-day AMI Montessori for Aging and Dementia Workshop.
- Register for the course through Brush Development by emailing jennifer@BrushDevelopment.com and pay the \$600 course fee. The course is a mentored self-study process with monthly group chats and live online instruction. A new course begins every quarter if there are enough students.
- Obtain the packet of directions and paper work for the course from your instructor.
- You may complete the course work as quickly as you would like, but it must be completed in six months. Most people take 3-6 months to complete it.
- Read the suggested reading material as indicated by your Educator.
- Completion of at least two case studies (three are preferred). Partner with at least

two people living with dementia and complete the procedures and forms associated with the case study requirements. For each case study you must:

- Create a meaningful activity using templates and/or other materials. You must submit the template and/or other materials with all other assessment forms, including any examples of extension or expansion programming if developed.
 - Create instructions to enable other staff or family to implement the activity.
 - Document 10 interactions you have completed with the person living with dementia on the Montessori Record Keeping Log. Please video record one session of you implementing the activity with the individual and submit it electronically to your AMI Educator. If this is not possible, please contact your AMI Educator to make other arrangements.
 - Develop a Role and accompanying Routine.
 - Create instructions to enable other staff or family to implement the role.
 - Document 10 interactions you have completed with the person living with dementia on the Montessori Record Keeping Log. Please video record one session of you facilitating the role with the individual and submit it electronically to your AMI Educator. If this is not possible, please contact your AMI Educator to make other arrangements.
- Ask an appropriate work supervisor to authenticate all interactions completed by completing the Supervisor's Form.
 - Write a 500-word paper discussing lessons learned from participation in the training and your experience of implementing some of the Montessori principles. It should include any successes and challenges you may have experienced.
 - Complete a written examination based on the topics covered in the two-day workshop and the suggested reading. This examination will be completed once all other assessment tasks are completed and submitted.
 - Submit all assessment tasks and paperwork electronically for marking and review. Take photos or scan any relevant templates, materials, cue cards, and signage that were used to create activities and roles for the two people with whom you are undertaking case studies. If you are unable to submit electronically, you must contact your AMI Educator to discuss alternative methods of submission. Your work will be reviewed with your AMI Educator via email, online, phone Skype or in person.
 - Schedule a time to present your case studies to your AMI Educator.
 - Student who meet the requirements will receive a Practitioner's Certificate from AMI. Student who do not meet the requirements will have an opportunity to revise their work and resubmit.

Frequently Asked Questions about the

AMI Practitioner's Certificate in Montessori for Aging and Dementia

What can I do with an AMI Practitioner's Certificate?

- ✓ A Practitioner's Certificate enables you to implement roles and activities and create a prepared environment for older adults using Montessori principles. You can serve as a role model and leader in your community and help to establish Montessori programming. You will not be qualified to serve as a trainer.

How long does it take to complete the requirements?

- ✓ It will take a *minimum* of 60-80 hours to complete all the requirements.
- ✓ The course involves reading materials (4 books) that you must purchase, case studies, a short paper and a test (see the end of this document for more information).

What qualifications do I need to pursue the AMI Practitioner's Certificate?

- ✓ You must have completed the two-day AMI workshop within one year of enrollment.
- ✓ You have six months to complete the requirements after you enroll.
- ✓ Anyone in any country who meets the requirements can apply.

How do I enroll?

- ✓ Complete the two-day AMI workshop in person or online with Jennifer Brush or another Certified AMI Educator.
- ✓ Contact Brush Development and request a registration form for the AMI Practitioner's Certificate program.
- ✓ Complete the registration form by **typing** into the writable .pdf and save the file with your last name as the first word of the file.
- ✓ Email this to jennifer@brushdevelopment.com. Scanned copies will **not** be accepted.
- ✓ Mail the registration fee to Brush Development, 9935 Campton Ridge Drive, Chardon, OH 44024.
- ✓ Upon receipt of your registration and payment (fees can be paid by check or PayPal), you will be sent a file of information and directions for the documentation of your certificate requirements.

What level of English proficiency is required?

- ✓ Although you may have taken the two-day workshop in another language, the AMI Practitioner's Certificate program is only offered in English at this time. Fluency in English is necessary unless you provide translation and an interpreter.
- ✓ We are working to offer it in Spanish very soon. Please contact Jennifer if you would like to take the course in Spanish.

Where do I take the course?

- ✓ The Practitioner's Certificate program is a mentored self-study that meets once a month online to chat. You complete the requirements at your own pace. Typically, a new course begins each quarter. The next course begins in April 2017.
- ✓ You are expected to log in on time to the chat at least three times to interact with the other students and discuss your case studies. You may finish early if you do not need the full 6 months.
- ✓ Online chats are typically held on a weekday evening, but Sunday night or day time chats can be requested depending on the student's needs.

How do I access the online class meeting?

- ✓ Using outlook, you will be sent an appointment invitation and link to a skype for business classroom. Directions for installing a web app to run skype for business will be included in the invitation.
- ✓ This is not the same program as skype. You will still need to follow the installation directions if you have skype.
- ✓ Please use a computer with a web cam, not a tablet or a phone. Although skype for business states it can be used on any device, most of our students are unsuccessful joining a class on a tablet or phone.
- ✓ You will be able to see and hear all of the students, as well as your instructor.