



Frequently Asked Questions

AMI Practitioner's Certificate in Montessori for Aging and Dementia

Please read this information carefully. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at Jennifer@BrushDevelopment.com.

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 3 books that you must purchase, completing case studies, writing a short paper and successfully completing 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 with Jennifer Brush or another Certified AMI Educator (Anne Kelly or Gail Elliot).
- ✓ 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**, followed by the rest of the file name.
- ✓ Email this to jennifer@brushdevelopment.com. Scanned copies will **not** be accepted.
- ✓ Mail the registration \$600 fee (international purchases via Paypal are subject to a service charge, total fee \$630) to Brush Development, 9935 Campton Ridge Drive, Chardon, OH 44024.

- ✓ Upon receipt of your registration, 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 with Jennifer is only offered in English at this time. Fluency in English is necessary.
- ✓ We are working this course 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 for a short lesson and a group chat. This is your opportunity to network with other students from around the world, to ask questions, discuss how the Montessori philosophy pertains to dementia care, etc.
- ✓ You complete the requirements at your own pace, however, 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.
- ✓ There is a rolling admission for the course. Currently the course is offered on the last Tuesday of every month from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM EST. We are willing to schedule other dates and time for international students or if there are enough requests for other time/date options.

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. **If you do not use outlook, please notify your instructor upon registering for the course.**
- ✓ This is not the same program as "regular" skype. You will still need to follow the installation directions even if you have skype.
- ✓ Please use a computer or tablet with a web cam, not 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 phone.
- ✓ You will be able to see and hear all of the students, as well as your instructor.

What are the specific requirements to gain Certification?

- ✓ Complete 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. The specific requirements are contained in the information packet you will receive upon registration.
- ✓ Write at least a 1,000-word paper discussing lessons learned from participation in the training and your experience of implementing Montessori principles. It should include any successes and challenges you may have experienced and should demonstrate your knowledge of Montessori for Aging and Dementia

- ✓ Complete a written examination based on the topics covered in the two-day workshop and the required reading.
- ✓ Submit all assessment tasks and paperwork electronically to your drop box folder (you will receive a link to your box when you register) for marking and review. If you do not have a drop box account, please set up a free account so you can access your folder.
- ✓ 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.
- ✓ Case studies presentations must be completed no later than 6 months after you begin the course. For example, if you register in January, you will attend the online chat for the first time on the last Tuesday of January. No later than two weeks prior to the last Tuesday of July, you will submit your completed student file to Jennifer for grading. If deemed competent, students will be asked to present their final case studies on the last Tuesday of July. Students can complete the course in less than six months if they choose as long as materials are submitted for grading two weeks prior to the desired presentation date.
- ✓ Upon registering for the class, the timeline and requirements will be reviewed with you again. **Please do not ask for an extension of the deadlines.** We have been very generous in the past about granting extensions deadlines and the privilege was abused. **Mark the dates in your calendar and plan on being prepared.**