

Announcing:

APPLICATIONS WELCOME

for 2020-21 Northeast Montessori Institute
Infant and Toddler and Early Childhood
Teacher Education Programs

Dear Friends and Colleagues

I hope that this message finds you and your loved ones well. This is indeed an unusual time in the world with the current Covid 19 virus, with lots of changes or compromised circumstances and continued uncertainty for the foreseeable future.

I am writing to reassure you that one thing is certain, NMI is committed to moving forward with its 2020-21 course cycle for its AMS affiliated **Infant and Toddler** and **Early Childhood** Teacher Education Programs, and in supporting you in your goal of earning your AMS credential.

We are still working out the details as to what this will look like, but wish to share our plans for moving forward. We do not anticipate holding any in-residence classes at Gordon College this summer, but are developing on-line (or, distance ed) delivery of some of the initial academic course content. Along with this new digital delivery format, we plan to continue the academic training at Gordon College in the fall (if appropriate) and will then follow our published seminar schedule. Additional seminar hours will be added as needed to make up for any reduced hours from the summer phase.

Program participants, as always, have the option to extend the academic phase over a second year, as well as to postpone the start of the Practicum Phase (internship) until the following year. We have always prided ourselves in our flexibility at NMI in support of our adult learners' individual circumstances. The present pandemic only serves to reinforce this commitment.

While this is, indeed, a time of great uncertainty, life moves forward and so must we. It is said that out of uncertainty often arises unforeseen opportunity. Perhaps now is the time to undertake that goal of earning your AMS Montessori credential! If, so, we are firmly committed to helping you to make that happen and to answer any questions you may have. In any event, we hope that you will take this time of 'social distancing' to embrace those personal pursuits which there never seemed to be time for – taking care of ourselves, as always, is the first step in taking care of others! And please do not hesitate to reach out to us if we may provide any support or encouragement in this time of challenge.

Sincerely,

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