STIR UP LIFE
BUT LEAVE IT FREE
TO DEVELOP

—Maria Montessori

BACHELOR’S DEGREE WITH A MONTESSORI EDUCATION CONCENTRATION

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD
A NEW OPPORTUNITY
The bachelor’s degree with a Montessori education concentration program gives students the opportunity to earn an undergraduate degree with a primary or elementary Montessori concentration. The program pairs the University of Hartford’s curriculum with Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) teacher training, putting students on course to earn an internationally-recognized AMI diploma by the time they graduate. The program is a partnership between the University of Hartford and the Montessori Training Center Northeast (MTCNE), an AMI teacher training center managed by the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC).

Our Montessori concentration courses recognize the strength of Montessori education and the rigorous preparation of Montessori teachers. Through our partnership with CREC MTCNE, students can deepen their knowledge of Montessori methods through practical interaction with public school curriculum and contexts.

Many general education and elective courses can be completed online and the degree may be completed on a full-time or part-time basis.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT
The Montessori bachelor’s program leverages our existing partnerships with CREC MTCNE and AMI to provide high-quality, intensive academic instruction and hands-on training.

» Benefit from a wide network of public and private Montessori schools available for training and professional development.
» Enroll full time or part time.
» Earn an internationally-recognized AMI diploma in primary or elementary Montessori during the course of the program.
» Become eligible for a Connecticut teaching certificate.

OUR MONTESSORI PARTNER
The Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) opened the Montessori Training Center Northeast (MTCNE) in 2003 in response to the need for an AMI teacher training center in New England. MTCNE provides AMI-teacher preparation courses in infant toddler (0–3 year olds) primary (3–6 year-olds) and elementary education (6–12 year-olds).

The center has assisted in the opening of public Montessori schools in Connecticut and has provided consultation services nationwide.

CREC MTCNE has satellite locations in the Boston area and New York City. CREC MTCNE trainees have wonderful opportunities to conduct observations and practicums in both the private and public sectors in the greater Hartford area.

Our bachelor’s degree with a Montessori education concentration program and the research for it are made possible by support from the Walton Family Foundation.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

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Candidates complete 43 credits of general education coursework, which include credits in the humanities and arts, natural sciences and social sciences. These provide a solid educational basis and meet the general education requirements for Connecticut State Teaching Certification. In addition, 31 credits of elective classes offer opportunity for further content area study and education courses.

Candidates also complete 46 Montessori concentration credits in either:

» Primary level (ages 3–6)
» Elementary level (ages 6–12)

Courses are offered during the fall, spring, and summer semesters to facilitate steady progress towards degree completion. The Montessori concentration credits are completed on campus at the University of Hartford through AMI training by MTCNE. Many of the general education and elective courses can be completed online.

Association Montessori Internationale training at Montessori Training Center Northeast
To earn the Montessori education concentration degree, students will complete the equivalent of one year of AMI teacher training at the Montessori Training Center Northeast located at the University of Hartford in Hartford, Connecticut. This training is delivered in person and requires residency. AMI training includes lecture, practice with materials, readings, papers, albums, four observation weeks, four to six practice weeks, written exams, and oral exams as the individual delves into Montessori education.

There are various course formats at MTCNE for delivery of the AMI training. Currently MTCNE is offering the following formats:

» AMI primary training
  • Academic year: September through May, Tuesdays – Fridays, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
  • Three summers: Three consecutive summer sessions, mid-June through mid-August during Summer 1 and 2, and mid-June to mid–July during Summer 3, Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

» AMI elementary training
  • Part-time academic year: September through beginning of June, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., and several Saturdays a month, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
  • Three summers: Three consecutive summer sessions, mid-June through mid–August, Mondays – Fridays, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Course schedules can be found on the MTCNE website www.crec.org/mtcne.
The bachelor’s degree with a Montessori education concentration program is designed for students who may have previous college experience and are seeking to complete a baccalaureate degree. It allows students to attend part-time or as nonresidential students.

**TO APPLY**
Visit hartford.edu/montessori and fill out the application. A personal essay and interview are also required.

**PERSONAL ESSAY**
Your essay may be of any length, but should include relevant personal and professional background information, and experiences which have prepared you for participation in the Montessori program; please address why you chose the Montessori concentration. Use the essay to provide any other information to be considered in support of your candidacy.

**INTERVIEW**
Your interview will be scheduled when your application file is complete. It may be completed by phone, Skype, or in person.

**PROGRAM COST AND TUITION ASSISTANCE**
The cost of participating in the Montessori bachelor’s program is based on University of Hartford tuition and can vary depending on housing, meal plans, books, and other expenses.

- For the most up-to-date costs at the University of Hartford, visit our Tuition Rates page at hartford.edu/tuition.
- Your AMI training is included in the cost of tuition.
- Housing and meal plans are available, though the costs are separate from tuition. Visit our Student and Housing Fees page at hartford.edu/fees to learn more.
- Books, materials, and student expenses are additional.

Financial aid and tuition assistance are available to those who qualify. If you would like to get started with the financial aid process, please fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov using the University of Hartford school code 001422.

For more information about tuition assistance specific to the Montessori education concentration, contact Paige M. Bray, director of Montessori studies.

The University of Hartford admits students without regard to race, age, color, creed, gender, physical ability, sexual orientation, or national or ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students of the University.