

Prospectus 2013 - 2014

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Programmes at SNMCI

BA in Montessori Education

Level 7

BA (Hons) in Montessori Education

Level 8

Higher Diploma in Arts in Early Childhood Montessori Education

Level 8



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BA in Montessori Education (180 ECTS)

Code

NM01

Duration

3 years Full-time

4 years Part-time

Commences

September 2013

Framework Level

Level 7

Location & modes

Dun Laoghaire

Full-time & Part-time

Cork & Limerick*

Full-time & Part-time

Course Information

Montessori principles of education are synonymous with best practice in pre-school services as well as Special Education. This programme is designed for those who wish to embark on a career working with children, as carers or educators in these fields with the skills required to establish and manage an early years' practice. With its underpinning Montessori philosophy, the programme offers a sound pedagogical foundation for practitioners working in these areas.

In recent years, there has been a dramatic rise in the provision of ECCE schemes and with this a recognition of the necessity for a graduate led workforce. Research has indicated that exposure to a programme with a strong pedagogical basis in the first five years of life is highly advantageous to the child. Parents and employers continue to look for excellence in early years' care and education. This programme equips the graduate to provide high quality care, education and professional practice.

Learners will be given the tools to create child-centred environments, conducive to the intellectual, emotional, social and physical development of the child, and encouraging discovery and active learning. They will also integrate a range of other contemporary pedagogies and curricula including Aistear, and the Primary School Curriculum.

Core Modules

- Montessori Education and Philosophy from infancy to 12 years of age
- Sociology of Childhood
- Developmental and Educational Psychology
- Child Health, Safety and Nutrition
- Special Education
- Social Policy
- Gaeilge
- The Arts in Education (Children's Literature, Drama, Music and Visual Art)
- Early years' and school placement (500 hours across the stages of the programme)

**Provision in Cork / Limerick will take place, where the College is satisfied that a sufficient enrollment has been achieved.*

Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate - five Ds in ordinary level subjects to include English and Maths, or other equivalent Level 5 award. All applicants are required to present for interview. Entry is subject to full Garda vetting clearance, forms to be supplied by SNMCI.

How to Apply

Entry to the course is by direct application to the College. Visit www.snmci.ie/course/ba-ft for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates emerging from this programme will be qualified to work as advanced practitioners in supervisory and management roles in Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) settings; as teachers in Montessori pre-schools; in administration or policy areas in ECCE; as Special Needs Assistants. As Level 7 graduates, they will be eligible for the higher incentivised ECCE scheme with the Department of Children and Youth Affairs (DCYA).



Further Study

Graduates emerging from the BA in Montessori Education may progress to SNMCI's BA (Hons) in Montessori Education (Level 8) or other cognate Level 8 programmes.

BA (Hons) in Montessori Education (60 ECTS)

Code

NM13

Duration

1 year

Commences

September 2013

Framework Level

Level 8

Location & Modes

Dun Laoghaire

Full-time & Part-time

Cork & Limerick*

Full-time & Part-time

Course Information

This programme is for those who wish to embark on a career working with children as carers or educators in Montessori or Special Education settings and is a follow on programme from the Level 7 BA in Montessori Education. The programme currently meets the Teaching Council requirements under Regulation Three, Montessori and Other Categories (restricted recognition), for teaching pupils/students with special education needs in recognised mainstream primary schools and in recognised special schools where Irish is not a curriculum requirement.

As well as Montessori education, SNMCI has particular expertise in the field of Special Education. The child centred nature of Montessori education stems from Maria Montessori's initial study of the work of Itard and Séguin, pioneers in the field of special education. There continues to be an alignment between Montessori education and quality provision of special education, as the Montessori Method is considered by many experts to be an effective pedagogical approach for working in this field. This is due to Montessori's emphasis on skilled observation, with the objective of assessment for teaching and learning, and the use of concrete, manipulative materials to support the cognitive development of the child. Montessori's multi-sensory approach has, for example been found to be successful for developing literacy and numeracy skills in children with learning difficulties in inclusive educational settings.

Core Modules

- Montessori, Theory and Application
- Special Education in Practice
- Psychology of Teaching and Learning
- The Irish Primary School System
- Philosophy of Education
- Personal and Professional Development
- Dissertation
- The Arts in Education (elective)
- Gaeilge (elective)
- School Placement (200 hours in primary and special education)

**Provision in Cork / Limerick will take place, where the College is satisfied that a sufficient enrollment has been achieved.*

Entry Requirements

Applicants are required to hold SNMCI's BA in Montessori Education, with a minimum Merit 2 result. All applicants are required to present for interview. Entry is subject to full Garda vetting clearance, forms to be supplied by SNMCI.

How to Apply

Entry to the course is by direct application to the College. Visit www.snmci.ie/course/ba-hons for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates emerging from this programme will be qualified to work as expert practitioners in the areas of Montessori or special education. They will be eligible for the higher incentivised ECCE scheme with the DCYA, and currently graduates are eligible for the 'restricted recognition' with the Teaching Council for working with children with Special Educational Needs in primary schools or Special Schools.



Further Study

Graduates may progress to Level 9 programmes in education, special education, care, therapy, or other education related programmes. They may also progress to Higher Diplomas in Primary Education in Ireland, or to a Post-graduate Certificate in Education in the UK.

Higher Diploma in Arts in Early Childhood Montessori Education (75 ECTS)

Code

NM801

Duration

1 calendar year Full-time

Commences

September

Framework Level

Level 8

Location & Modes

Dun Laoghaire

Full-time & Part-time

Cork*

Full-time & Part-time

**Provision in Cork / Limerick will take place, where the College is satisfied that a sufficient enrollment has been achieved.*

Course Information

This graduate level programme is designed for those who wish to embark on a career in ECCE, working with children, as carers and educators in Montessori and early years settings. The programme will equip graduates with the core knowledge, skills and competencies needed to work as leaders, managers and owners in educare. The SNMCI vision for this programme is to facilitate graduates to become educators, leaders, researchers, inspectors, policy makers and advocates for quality Montessori and early years' provision.

In recent years there has been a dramatic rise in the provision of ECCE schemes and a consequent recognition of the necessity for a graduate led workforce. Research has indicated that exposure to a programme with a strong pedagogical basis in the first five years of life, is highly advantageous to the child. Parents and employers continue to look for excellence in early years' care and education. The Montessori foundation of this programme equips the graduate to provide high quality care, education and professional practice.

This is a hands-on, experiential learning programme, with significant work placement, to enable the learner to develop a professional outlook. Team-leading, communication and ICT skills are all emphasised to facilitate a contemporary approach to early years' education.

Core Modules

- Early Childhood Education: Introduction
- Developmental Psychology: Infancy
- Academic Writing, ICT and Communication Skills
- Early Childhood Education: Montessori
- Practising Inclusion in Early Years
- Developmental Psychology: The Early Years
- Research Methods
- Management in Early Years Education
- Arts and Culture in Early Years' Education
- Practitioner Training (300 hours)

Entry Requirements

A cognate Level 7 or 8 degree (i.e. a Level 7 or 8 degree with substantial related subject content). All applicants are required to present for interview. Entry is subject to full Garda vetting clearance, forms to be supplied by SNMCI.

How to Apply

Entry to the course is by direct application to the College. Visit www.snmci.ie/course/hdip for more information.

Employment Opportunities

Graduates emerging from this programme will be qualified to work as expert practitioners, as inspectors, managers and owners of Montessori or early childhood settings. They will be eligible for the higher incentivised ECCE scheme with the DCYA.



Further Study

Graduates may progress to Level 9 programmes in education, special education, care, therapy, or other education related programmes. They may also progress to Higher Diplomas in Primary Education in Ireland, or to a Post-graduate Certificate in Education in the UK.

About Saint Nicholas Montessori College



St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland (SNMCI) traces its origins to the late 1940's when Dr Maria Montessori gave permission to two English women, Margaret Homfray and Phoebe Child, to set up a training centre to teach the Montessori Method in London. This was the first St Nicholas College, and many Irish people completed courses there. In 1970 the St Nicholas Montessori Society of Ireland was founded by Sighle Fitzgerald and a group of like-minded educators.

The College began delivery of teacher education programmes in 1984 with a two year diploma course awarded by the London centre. In 1994, the College was granted designated status by Ireland's National Council for Educational Awards (NCEA). This enabled the College to design and develop its own higher education diploma and degree programmes.

The College's programmes are accredited by QQI (Quality and Qualifications Ireland), formerly HETAC. The College's undergraduate degree programmes are placed on Ireland's National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ) at Level 7 and Level 8, with the Higher Diploma is placed at Level 8.

These programmes are delivered from the College's centres in Dun Laoghaire, Cork and Limerick, with a range of delivery modes including full-time, part-time and blended learning

In 2012, 240 students were enrolled on the College's programmes continuing the strong tradition of Montessori education as a basis for the holistic development of children for many years to come.

Ethos

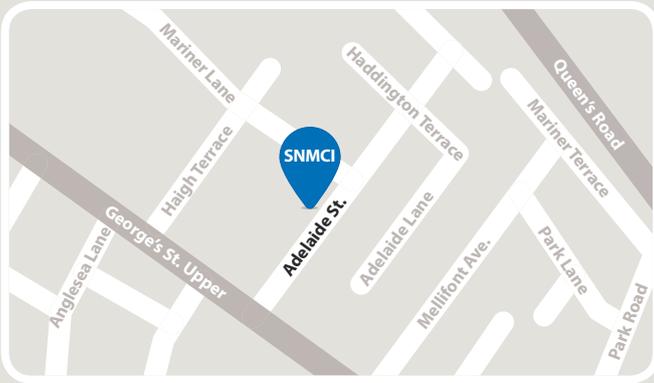
St. Nicholas Montessori College Ireland is a higher educational institution providing Montessori education. It aims to provide a positive, inclusive atmosphere and environment based on the mutual co-operation of all involved in its activities. It contends that the principles of respect and empowerment which apply to children's education must also be applied to adult learners and teachers.

St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland aims to promote Montessori education and develop educators of the highest quality, who will serve and support the child within all sectors of the Irish early childhood care and education system.

Quite simply, St Nicholas Montessori College Ireland seeks to produce graduates who are confident, professional and ethical, and are equipped to positively shape the future of those children in their care.

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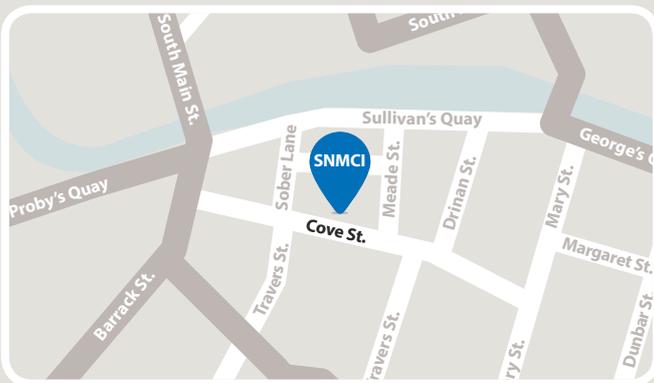
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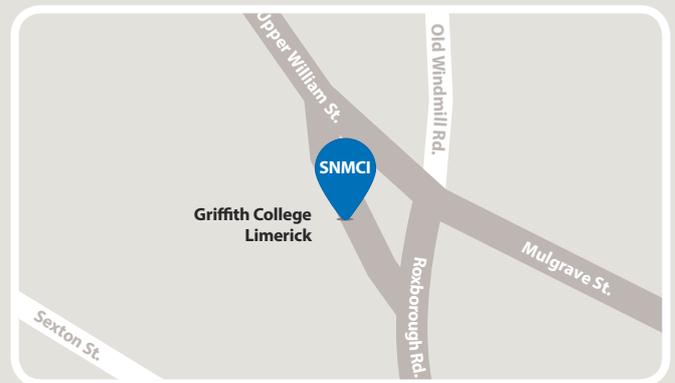
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