

Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE)

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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THIRD PARTY COMMENT

ACTION: Request for comments on institutions and programs applying to the Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) for initial accreditation, renewal of accreditation, or extension of accreditation to substantive change.

DATES: Written, signed remarks should be sent to the address above by **November 7, 2008**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Gretchen L. Warner, Executive Director, telephone 262-898-1846, fax 262-898-1849, e-mail warner@macte.org

SUBMISSION OF THIRD-PARTY COMMENTS: The Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE) is an autonomous, international, post-secondary accrediting agency for Montessori teacher education programs and is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education. MACTE accredits (1) independent post-secondary educational institutions offering comprehensive, in-residence courses of Montessori teacher education; and (2) programs or departments offering such courses, which are located within institutions already accredited by another recognized agency. A Montessori teacher education course is defined as post-secondary instruction designed to (i) develop expertise in the education system designed by Dr. Maria Montessori, including its philosophies, teacher roles, and design of curricula and environments; (ii) assure basic knowledge of child development, including major theorists and contemporary research; and (iii) lead to certification in Montessori teaching with a specified child age range within the period from birth to age 18. A course is considered to be "in-residence" if it includes the minimum number of classroom hours, as specified by MACTE, of direct, on-site contact between instructor and student.

The purpose of this notice is to invite interested third parties to present written, signed comments that related to the MACTE *Essential Standards and Criteria* concerning the institutions and programs listed in this notice. Comments received in response to this notice will be reviewed by MACTE as part of the evaluation of the institution's or program's compliance with the *Essential Standards and Criteria*. In order for MACTE

to give full consideration to any comments received, comments must arrive at the address listed above **no later than November 7, 2008.**

The following institutions/programs will be reviewed during the November 10-12, 2008 MACTE Commission meeting. Certification course level is shown in italics following each institution's or program's name.

Applications for Initial Accreditation

- 1. Centro de Ensenanza Montessori, *Early Childhood***, Francisco Goitia No. 9971, Zona Rfo., Tijuana, B.C. Mexico. Director: Norma A. Callado.
- 2. Institute for Advanced Montessori Studies, *Infant and Toddler***, 13500 Layhill Rd., Silver Spring, MD. 20906. Director: Hilary Green.
- 3. NCME/New Mexico, *Early Childhood***, 304 Rover Blvd., Los Alamos, NM 87544. Director: Joan Ellard
- 4. Palm Harbor Montessori Teacher Education Center, *Early Childhood***, 2355 Nebraska Ave., Palm Harbor, FL. 34683. Director: Catherine Varkas.
- 5. Palm Harbor Montessori Teacher Education Center, *Infant and Toddler***, 2355 Ave., Palm Harbor, FL. 34683. Director: Catherine Varkas.

Applications for Renewal of Accreditation

- 1. Houston Montessori Center, *Early Childhood***, 7807 Long Point Rd., #100, Houston, TX 77055. Director: Dr. Elisabeth Coe.
- 2. Houston Montessori Center, *Elem I***, 7807 Long Point Rd., #100, Houston, TX 77055. Director: Dr. Elisabeth Coe.
- 3. Houston Montessori Center, *Elem I&II***, 7807 Long Point Rd., #100, Houston, TX 77055. Director: Dr. Elisabeth Coe.
- 4. Houston Montessori Center, *Sec I***, 7807 Long Point Rd., #100, Houston, TX 77055. Director: Dr. Elisabeth Coe.
- 5. Houston Montessori Center, *Sec I&II***, 7807 Long Point Rd., #100, Houston, TX 77055. Director: Dr. Elisabeth Coe.
- 6. Liberties College, *Early Childhood***, Bull Alley St; Patrick St. Dublin 8, Ireland. Director: Bernadette Townley.
- 7. Mid-America Montessori, *Early Childhood***, 10730 Pacific St. #234, Omaha, NE. 68114. Director: LaVonne Plambeck, Ph.D.

8. Mid-America Montessori, *Elem I*, 10730 Pacific St. #234, Omaha, NE. 68114.
Director: LaVonne Plambeck, Ph.D.

9. Mid-America Montessori, *Elem I&II*, 10730 Pacific St. #234, Omaha, NE. 68114.
Director: LaVonne Plambeck, Ph.D.

10. Mid-America Montessori, *I & T*, 10730 Pacific St. #234, Omaha, NE. 68114.
Director: LaVonne Plambeck, Ph.D.

11. Montessori Institute of Advanced Studies, *Early Childhood*, 22781 Canyon Court, Castro Valley, CA. 94552. Director: Meher Van Groenou.

12. Montessori Teacher Training Institute, *Early Childhood*, 6050 S. W. 57th Ave., Miami, FL. 33143. Co-Directors: Beverley McGhee, Dr. Joyce McGhee

13. Montgomery Montessori, *Early Childhood*, 10500 Darnestown Rd., Rockville, MD. 20850. Director: Pamela Trumble.

Applicants for Extension of Accreditation to Substantive Change

1. Caspari Montessori Institute International, Inc., *Early Childhood*, 302 N. Yellowstone, Livingston, MT, 59047. Change of location. Director: Anita Wolberd.

2. Institute for Guided Studies, *EC, EI-II, SI*, 190 Battleship Rd., Camden, SC. 29020. Change in ownership. Director: Mary Helen Cline.

3. Institute for Guided Studies, *Early Childhood*, 190 Battleship Rd, Camden, SC. 29020. Additional location in Laurens, SC. Director: Mary Helen Cline.

4. Lander University, *Elem I*, 320 Stanley Ave., CPO Box 6011, Greenwood, SC. Change of location. Director: Barbara Ervin

5. Montessori Teachers College - Sacramento, *Elem II*, 4718 Engle Rd., Carmichael, CA. 95608. Additional age range. Director: Cherie Gardner Cooney.

6. Montessori Teacher Institute at Three Rivers Community College, *Early Childhood*, Mohegan Campus, Mahan Dr., Norwich, CT. 06360. Change in director. Interim Director: Jeff Crouch.

7. St. Mary's College of CA MTEP, *Early Childhood, Elem I-II*, 1928 St. Mary's Rd. , Moraga, CA. 94575-4350. Change of location. Director: Patricia Chambers.

8. St. Mary's College of CA MTEP, *Early Childhood, Elem I-II*, 1928 St. Mary's Rd., Moraga, CA. 94575-4350. Change in name. Director: Patricia Chambers.

9. Vancouver Training Institute Montessori Program, *Elementary I-II*, 1580 West Broadway, Vancouver, B.C., V6J 5K8, Canada. Change in name. Director: Deborah Adams.

10. West Side Montessori Schools TEP, *Early Childhood*, 309 W. 92nd St., New York, NY. 10025-7213. Change in director. Director: Dr. Marlene Barron/Sylvia Townsend.