

# 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 **June 3, 2011**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Pelton, telephone 434-202-7793, fax 888-525-8838, e-mail [rebecca@macte.org](mailto:rebecca@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 institutions and programs. MACTE is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education through the year 2013. MACTE accredits independent institutions which offer comprehensive certification courses, and programs or departments located within accredited colleges or universities. A Montessori teacher education certification 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.

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, they must arrive at the address listed above **no later than June 3, 2011**.

The following institutions and programs will be reviewed during the **June 6, 2011**, MACTE Commission meeting. Certification course level is shown in italics following each institution's or program's name.

1. EtonKids (Beijing, China) Director: Charmiane Soh and Marlene Barron  
*Initial, Infant and Toddler*
2. Montgomery Montessori Institute (Rockville, MC) Director: Pam Trumble  
*Initial, Infant and Toddler*
3. Canadian Montessori Teacher Education Institute (Ontario, Canada) Director: Daniel Jutras  
Additional location – *EC* – Albuquerque, NM
4. Memphis Montessori Institute (Cordova, TN) Director: Teri Canaday  
*Initial, Elementary I*
5. Southwestern Montessori Training Center (Denton, TX) Director: Sandi MacDonald-West  
Renewal – *EC*
6. Southwestern Montessori Training Center (Denton, TX) Director: Sandi MacDonald-West  
Renewal – *Elementary I-II*
7. Lander University Montessori Teacher Education Program (Greenwood, SC)  
Director: Barbara Ervin  
Additional Location – *Elementary I* – Swansea, SC
8. Orlando Montessori Teacher Education Institute (Orlando, FL) Director: Helen DeVere  
Renewal – *EC*
9. Houston Montessori Center (Houston, TX) Additional location – *EL - I* Director: Elisabeth  
Coe
10. Additional Location – *Elementary I* – Saudi Arabia South Mountain Community College  
Mont. Teacher Education – Change of Director – Billie Larime to Hollie Deciccio
11. Virginia Montessori Teacher Education Center – Change in time structure  
Director: Castle O’Neill