

# 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 **March 20, 2011**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rosann Larrow, Interim Director, telephone 262-898-1846, fax 262-898-1849, e-mail [rosann@macte.org](mailto:rosann@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. Secretary 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 March 20, 2011**.

The following institutions and programs will be reviewed during the **March 21-23, 2011**, MACTE Commission meeting. Certification course level is shown in italics following each institution's or program's name.

1. Al Manahij (Saudi Arabia) Director: Debbie Kukielka and Judith Huffman  
Initial, Early Childhood

2. Montessori Teacher Education Center – San Francisco (San Leandro, CA) Director: Dr. Pamela Rigg  
Additional Location – Pensacola, FL – Elementary I
3. Montessori Teachers College (Toronto, Canada) Director: Paula Glasgow  
Initial Infant and Toddler
4. Montessori Opportunities, Inc. (Norwalk, Ohio) Directors: Peter Larrow, Rosann Larrow  
Mobile Location – Early Childhood, Lexington, KY
5. Montessori Teacher Education Center (San Leandro, CA) Director: Dr. Pamela Rigg  
Initial, Infant and Toddler
6. The Center for Guided Studies (Old Town, FL) Director: Kitty Bravo  
Additional Location – Indianapolis, IN – Early Childhood
7. Centro de Entrenamiento Montessori (Garza Garcia NL, Mexico)  
Change in Director from Laura Fernandez de Quiroga to Maria del Consuelo Gonzalez de Cossio
8. Columbus Montessori Teacher Education Program (Columbus, OH) Change in Director from Josephine Ripke to Amy Williams
9. Columbus Montessori Teacher Education Program (Columbus, OH) Change in 60% of staff in one cycle
10. Montessori of Alameda Teacher Education Program (Portland, OR) Change in Director from Maya Rutkowski to Maria Garcia
11. NCME/Houston (Houston Texas) Director: My Le Vo Change of name – from NCME/Houston to Montessori Teacher Education Institute - Houston
12. Xavier University Montessori Teacher Education Program (Cincinnati, OH) Director: Gina Lofquist Change in Course Delivery – 37.5 nonresident hours for EDMS 563 Early Cognitive Development (Philosophy / Child Development)