

Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education (MACTE)

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August 8, 2011

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 **August 31, 2011**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Pelton, telephone 434-202-7793, fax 888-525-8838, e-mail 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 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 August 31, 2011**.

The following institutions and programs will be reviewed during the **September 12, 2011**, MACTE Board meeting. Certification course level is shown in italics following each institution or program's name.

1. Cincinnati Montessori Secondary Teacher Education Program (Cincinnati, OH) Director: Marta Donahoe
Renewal of Contract Site, Instituto Neuvo Esquela, Puerto Rico, *Secondary I-II*
2. Centro de Ensenanza Montessori (Tijuana, Mexico) Director: Norma Callado
Change in Time Structure, *Early Childhood*
3. Toronto Montessori Institute (Ontario, Canada) Director: Nancy Coyle
Change in Mission Statement, *Infant & Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary I -II*
4. Institute for Guided Studies (Camden, SC) Director: Mary Helen Cline
Additional Location: Salt Lake City, Utah, *Infant & Toddler*
5. Institute for Guided Studies (Camden, SC) Director: Mary Helen Cline
Additional Location: Gray Court, SC, *Elementary I*
6. Virginia Montessori Teacher Education Center (Chesapeake, VA) Director: Shanna Honan
Change in Permanent Location, *Early Childhood*
7. Center for Montessori Teacher Education, NY (New York, NY)
Director: Carole Wolfe Korngold
Change in Permanent Location, *Infant& Toddler, Early Childhood, Elementary I, Elementary I-II*
8. Center for Guided Montessori Studies Director: Kitty Bravo
Mobile Location: Indianapolis, IN, Kingston, NY, *Elementary I-II*
9. Center for Guided Montessori Studies Director: Kitty Bravo
Initial Accreditation, Sarasota, FL, *Elementary I-II*