Master of Education with Montessori Concentration (MEd)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **Do you need to be accepted at both institutions (University of Hartford, Montessori Training Center of New England) to be fully matriculated into the program?**

   Yes, you need to apply and be accepted to both the University of Hartford and the Montessori Training Center Northeast. Both competitive MEd programs are for students who are currently enrolled in an AMI teacher-training program, or have completed an AMI teacher-training program within 5 years. If training occurred more than 5 years ago then the applicant must provide documentation of active practice in a Montessori setting within the last 10 years. MTCNE completes verification of employment and your AMI Diploma.

2. **How do I verify my AMI admission or diploma?**

   Submit an AMI Coursework Translation form [http://www.crec.org/mtcne/transfer.php](http://www.crec.org/mtcne/transfer.php) to MTCNE in order to verify your AMI Diploma or enrollment (see below) in an AMI-recognized training program.

3. **Do you need to have taken and passed the Praxis Core for entrance to this program?**

   No, you do not need to take the Praxis Core test for admission.

4. **Does the program prepare students for certification in the state of Connecticut?**

   The MEd Montessori Concentration programs do not lead directly to certification.

   - After successful completion of the Master of Elementary Education program, students will be eligible to apply to the state of Connecticut for a Connecticut State Teacher Certificate with Montessori Unique Endorsement #110, which allows them to teach in public Montessori schools.
   - Students who successfully complete the Master of Early Childhood Education need to complete 9 additional credit hours to be eligible for the Unique Endorsement #110 State Teaching Certificate.
   - For more information go to [Unique Endorsement #110](http://www.crec.org/legacy/tls/services/mtcne/downloads/Unique_Endorsement_110.pdf)
5. How many University credits are required for each program? How long does it take to complete each program?

- **Master of Education in Early Childhood Education with Montessori Concentration** will need to complete 18 credit hours at the University. Students typically complete these credit hours in 1 summer and 2 semesters (see next section on the program sequence).

  EDY 620 Planning and Administering Early Childhood Education Programs EDY 630 Model Programs in Early Childhood Education
  EDY 640 Theory and Research in Early Childhood Education EDY 644 Birth–Kindergarten Integrated Curriculum
  EDY 646 Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood (for the Montessori Guide) EDY 647 Working with Families: Child, Home and Community
  EDYM 500 Fundamentals of Montessori Method EDYM 510 Montessori Developmental and Social Skills EDYM 520 Perceptual Motor Development
  EDYM 530 Montessori Language Arts Reading Curriculum EDYM 540 Montessori Practicum
  Culminating Comprehensive Exam

- **Master of Education in Elementary Education with Montessori Concentration** candidates will need to complete 21 credit hours at the University. Students typically complete these credit hours in 1 summer and 2 semesters (see program sequence below)

  EDR 550 Fundamentals of Reading Instruction
  EDR 544 Reading and Language Arts Instruction
  EDH 510 Theoretical Foundations: Children and Adults with Special Needs EDE 664 Elementary Math Methods
  EDP 540 Applied Developmental and Learning Theories EDE 662 Planning and Assessing: Elementary
  EDT 610 Computers as Instructional Tools
  EDEM 500 Child Development and Montessori Philosophy EDEM 510 Montessori Approach to Mathematics and Geometry EDEM 520 Montessori Approach to Humanities
  EDEM 530 Montessori Approach to the Sciences EDEM 540 Montessori Classroom Methods and Practicum
  Culminating Comprehensive Exam

6. What is the program sequence of courses for the MEd in *Early Childhood Education* with Montessori Concentration?

   Your AMI training is translated into University credits that apply to following courses only, which are billed at the partnership rate of $100 per credit:

   EDYM 500 Fundamentals of Montessori Methods EDYM 510 Montessori Developmental and Social Skills EDYM 520 Perceptual Motor Development
   EDYM 530 Montessori Language Arts Reading Curriculum EDYM 540 Montessori Practicum
Then, the program Early Childhood Courses are sequenced as follows and billed at the current graduate education per credit rate:

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Students may begin the three semester sequence in the Fall, Spring, or Summer. (Please note that the Summer term begins in June and consists of one 7-week session.

### 7. What is the program sequence of courses for the MEd in Elementary Education with Montessori Concentration?

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- EDEM 500 Child Development and Montessori Philosophy
- EDEM 510 Montessori Approach to Mathematics and Geometry
- EDEM 520 Montessori Approach to Humanities
- EDEM 530 Montessori Approach to the Sciences
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Then, the program Elementary Courses are sequenced as follows and billed at the current graduate education per credit rate:

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### 8. Are there special requirements for international students?

As of 2015 there is not a residency requirement in either program. The programs are fully online, thus International students do not need to enter the US for the program and are not required to provide a guarantor statement or complete a visa application.

However, all international transcripts must be evaluated by WES on a Basic course-by-course basis. International applicants, who incur the expense of having their non-U.S. academic degrees evaluated by WES, have their $50 application fee waived. Additionally, applicants who are not native speakers of the English Language must demonstrate proficiency via the TOEFL or IELTS.
9. Can the credits issued for AMI Training be transferred to other accredited universities for graduate credit?

No, they cannot be transferred to another university. They can be applied toward your Master of Education in Early Childhood of Elementary Education with a Montessori Concentration at the University of Hartford. This is the only program located in Connecticut that combines AMI (Association of Montessori International) teacher training with a graduate degree.

10. How do I submit my application to the University of Hartford for one of the MEd with Montessori Concentration programs?

Further information in our brochure:

For a clear process we created this Check list: Application to Matriculation for you.
The University of Hartford (UH) with our partners at the Montessori Training Center of New England (MTCNE) are pleased to offer you the MEd with Montessori Concentration. While we work closely and have a shared partnership liaison (Courtney Reim, medmtcne@hartford.edu), there are elements of the graduate application process that are yours to steward so please pay attention to the following:

a. Application to the University of Hartford – Apply On-Line:

http://banweb.hartford.edu/pls/prod/bwskalog.P_DispLoginNon

You will need to submit the following required items with your online application:

I. An essay describing your reasons for seeking admission to this program

II. Two letters of recommendation from professional or academic sources (You may use MTCNE references as long as they are recent.) If you do not have current letters of recommendation, you may utilize the “Recommendations” section of the online application to submit names and email addresses for your references. Please inform your references that they will receive a link to an online reference form from the university via email. They will complete the reference form electronically and you will be notified via email when the completed recommendation form is submitted.

III. An application fee of $50

b. Submit AMI Coursework Translation http://www.crec.org/mtcne/transfer.php

Once complete this form is submitted automatically to the MTCNE partner in order to verify your AMI Diploma* or enrollment in an AMI-recognized training program**.
*Under typical circumstances you will need to make initial contact with your training center or trainer to request your AMI Transcript be available to the Montessori Training Center of New England as part of your Graduate Degree Application package. If there is any issue receiving your AMI Transcript, you will be contacted directly by medmtcne@hartford.edu or lbrookman@crec.org.

**If a graduate of MTCNE or enrolled in a teacher training course at MTCNE, you still need to complete this form.

c. Request official transcripts from your bachelor’s degree-granting institution, and for any graduate coursework completed (particularly if your GPA is below 3.0) to be sent to:
   Center for Adult and Graduate Academic Services, CC231
   University of Hartford
   200 Bloomfield Avenue
   West Hartford, CT 06117

   Official transcripts may also be sent electronically through secured providers. Admissions decisions will not be made until official transcripts are on file.

d. The University will confirm the receipt of your AMI Coursework Translation. If you are in the process of completing your AMI training, you will receive an additional email from the University once you have graduated from your AMI training program and your AMI coursework has been translated by partner, MTCNE, and sent to UH. If you do not get an email confirming the receipt of your AMI transcript after you have graduated from your AMI training program, contact lbrookman@crec.org.

e. Once your application is submitted, you will need to complete an interview with an MEd program faculty member conducted in person, at an information session, or via web-enabled video such as Skype. Please work with your admissions counselor, Lauren Marley, to schedule your faculty interview. You may reach Lauren at marley@hartford.edu or 860.384.7494.

f. Once enrolled in Montessori Concentration partnership credits (EDYM or EDEM courses) please track your credit completion and grades posted. NOTE: Grades for courses “in progress” for a current semester cannot be posted until the end of that semester when the grade sheets are generated (see UH academic calendar). If you have not completed your training, courses may require a grade of “I” INCOMPLETE as UH awaits content verification from your AMI training/transcript.

11. Is there an application fee associated with either institution?

   • There is a $50 application fee for the University of Hartford application.
• There is no application fee for MTCNE when applying to the University of Hartford, however, there is a transcript evaluation fee of $350 if you are transferring your AMI courses from another AMI training center. If you are currently enrolled in an AMI program other than MTCNE, there is a $100 fee for enrollment verification (this $100 is credited toward the $350 when your AMI transcript is available for evaluation upon your successful completion of the AMI training).

• You do need to have your AMI diploma translated by MTCNE to reflect graduate credits by filling out the following form: AMI Coursework Translation Form. You do not need to provide the University of Hartford with a copy of your AMI transcript or diploma, the partner, MTCNE, will provide this directly.

11. What tuition costs are associated with the University of Hartford?

• The partnership between MTCNE and the University recognizes your Montessori training and provides a discounted charge of only $100 per credit for AMI coursework that has been translated through MTCNE.

• The 2016-2017 tuition rate for University of Hartford credits is $570 per credit hour.

12. Is financial aid available?

Yes, aid is available upon acceptance to the University of Hartford for qualified applicants. Please contact the Student Financial Assistance at finaid@hartford.edu or 860.768.4296.

13. How can I learn more about the program?

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14. Where can I find the Montessori programs brochure?

• http://www.hartford.edu/enhp/academics/education/montessori/default.aspx
• http://www.hartford.edu/enhp/academics/education/masters-in-montessori-education/default.aspx