Program Fees

University of Hartford Graduate School Application: $50 to University

Approved AMI Course Credits: Special University rate of $100 per graduate credit

AMI Course Enrollment Verification: $100 to MTCNE (if applying while in an AMI course)

AMI Course-by-Course Translation: $350 to MTCNE (upon receipt of AMI diploma)

University Graduate Credits: Current University graduate credit rate

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The first duty of an educator is to stir up life but leave it free to develop.
—From Maria Montessori
The Discovery of the Child

Master of Education with a Montessori Concentration
Overview
The Master of Education with a Montessori Concentration (MEd) at the University of Hartford is the only program located in Connecticut that combines Association of Montessori Internationale (AMI) teacher training with a graduate degree. The program is a partnership between the University’s College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions (ENHP) and the Montessori Training Center of New England (MTCNE) and offers two areas of focus:

- Master of Education in Early Childhood Education with a Montessori Concentration combines the AMI Primary Training Course with graduate classes in early childhood education.
- Master of Education in Elementary Education with a Montessori Concentration combines the AMI Elementary Training Course with graduate classes in elementary education.

This competitive MEd program is for students who are currently enrolled in or have completed within the past five years an AMI teacher-training program. The graduate program provides high-quality training and professional development within a community of vibrant public and private Montessori schools.

About the University of Hartford
The University of Hartford is a private, independent, nonsectarian, coeducational university located in West Hartford, Conn. Chartered in 1957 as a university for the Hartford community, it has become international in scope, serving students from throughout the United States and 60 countries, as it remains a “private university with a public purpose.”

The College of Education, Nursing and Health Professions at the University of Hartford has a long-standing commitment to preparing professionals for service to the community. Its roots in Greater Hartford are deep, as demonstrated by the many partnerships with education, health, and community organizations it has built and nurtured over the years. ENHP’s Montessori Studies Initiative expands and formalizes the existing relationship with MTCNE through the Center for Learning and Professional Education. The center is part of the Institute for Translational Research in Education, Nursing, and Health Professions at ENHP.

About the Montessori Training Center of New England
The Montessori Training Center of New England is a recognized AMI teacher-training center managed and operated by the Capitol Region Education Council (CREC) in Hartford, Conn. CREC is a not-for-profit regional education service center with more than 1,800 employees. CREC opened MTCNE in 2003, providing AMI teacher-preparation courses in primary (3- to 6-year-olds) and elementary (6- to 12-year-olds) education.

In addition to preparing students for the internationally recognized AMI diploma, the Montessori Training Center provides consultation and professional development opportunities for private and public Montessori schools throughout New England and across the United States.

Who is eligible to apply to the University of Hartford MEd with Montessori Concentration program?
- Students who are enrolled in an MTCNE teacher-preparation course
- Students who are enrolled in another AMI-recognized training center, worldwide
- AMI diploma holders who have completed their training within the past five years

Steps to complete the University of Hartford MEd with a Montessori Concentration
- Submit an application to the University of Hartford Graduate School of Education at www.hartford.edu/graduate/apply
- Provide a copy of an AMI diploma upon completion of the AMI course or verification by MTCNE of AMI course enrollment. (University of Hartford courses can begin before AMI diploma is completed; however, the AMI diploma will be necessary for graduation.)
- Provide a Montessori transcript and/or a diploma translation through the MTCNE.
- Successfully complete all University of Hartford graduate course requirements.

Course Requirements
Upon completion of the AMI diploma program, MTCNE will translate the AMI diploma to University of Hartford graduate credits, providing 15-16 credits toward the master’s program.

Candidates for the Master of Education in Early Childhood Education with Montessori Concentration will need to complete 18 additional credit hours in the following:
- Planning and Administering Early Childhood Education Programs
- Model Programs in Early Childhood Education
- Theory and Research in Early Childhood Education
- Birth-Kindergarten Integrated Curriculum
- Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood (for the Montessori Guide)
- Working with Families: Child, Home and Community

Candidates for the Master of Education in Elementary Education with Montessori Concentration will need to complete 21 additional credit hours in the following:
- Fundamentals of Reading Instruction
- Reading and Language Arts Instruction
- Theoretical Foundations: Children and Adults with Special Needs
- Elementary Math Methods
- Applied Developmental and Learning Theories
- Planning and Assessing: Elementary
- Computers as Instructional Tools

Most courses can be completed through distance-learning opportunities. International students welcome. F-1 visas available.

One summer residency at the University of Hartford is required to complete the Master of Education program. Housing available.

For complete course-by-course descriptions, visit the University of Hartford website at www.hartford.edu/montessori, the Montessori Training Center website at www.crec.org/mtcne.

Because approved AMI courses are accepted for this program, no other graduate course credits from other higher education institutions will be accepted.

State Teacher Certification
After successful completion of the Master of Elementary Education program, students will be eligible to apply 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. Detailed requirements for each are available at www.crec.org/mtcne.