

AMI/USA Consultant Training Course

Assistants to Infancy

General Information

Course sessions will be anchored to AMI's strong pedagogical foundation, focusing on current training models and the consultation process, including observation, consulting with teachers and administrators, and completing written reports. The Assistants to Infancy training course will be led by AMI Trainers and Consultants, and will take place **online** from **January 13 – 18, 2021**. Following completion of the course, participants will complete written assignments and participate in two apprentice visits during the 2021-22 academic year.

*Prerequisites**

AMI Assistants to Infancy Consultant

- Current AMI Membership
- Bachelor's degree
- AMI assistants to infancy diploma
- A minimum of six years teaching experience at the assistants to infancy level, with at least 3 consecutive years in the same classroom and aligned with the AMI standards
- A successful AMI classroom consultation visit
- Attendance at one AMI refresher course in the last 4 years + Relevant professional development sponsored by AMI affiliates; such as: assistants' course, NAMTA workshops, or training center offerings.

**trainers and those in training of trainers are eligible to waive certain requirements.*

Requirements

- Writing skills: logical, clear and concise, attention to correct spelling and grammar;
- Ability to relate one on one with adults and in a group;
- Commitment to AMI principles and a sound understanding of the pedagogy;
- Professionalism; and
- Public Speaking skills: Consultants are often requested to provide parent evenings and staff workshops.

Application Process

After determining that you meet the minimum requirements listed above, please complete the online application on the AMI/USA website by **Friday, July 17, 2020**.

Your completed application should include:

1. Application Form
2. Resume or CV
3. A written statement of purpose--why do you want to become an AMI consultant and what value would you bring to this program?
4. An essay about yourself and your work in the classroom; e.g.: How many children are in your class?, Are there any co-teaching or specialist classes?, Are you able to protect all work cycles?, How were you able to implement Dr. Montessori's vision in your teaching?, How do/did you respond to any challenges to implementation of your training?
5. Two *confidential* Reference Forms: one from your current or most recent AMI employer and one from a trainer from your AMI training course; *to be sent directly to AMI/USA by the person completing the form.*
6. At least one of your consultation reports from observations done by an AMI certified consultant in the last six years. If a consultation hasn't been done in that time, then the expense of having an AMI consultation of your classroom to be borne by the applicant unless it falls within a school's regular consultation visit.
7. \$50 Application Fee (non-refundable)

Please note: the Consultation Committee may request additional documentation or a personal interview. Also, please be advised that space is limited.

Course Fees and Expenses

- \$50 application fee: non-refundable fee applied to tuition upon acceptance
- \$1200 tuition fee

PAYMENT TERMS AND DUE DATES:

- **\$50 application fee required with the application form by Friday, July 17, 2020**
- Notification of acceptance by **Friday, September 18, 2020**
- \$200 deposit due by **Friday, October 16, 2020**
- \$950 balance due by **Friday, November 13, 2020**

**Deposits will be refunded should there be insufficient interest in the course, otherwise deposits are non-refundable.*

- All transportation, lodging and meals associated with the seminars
- All interview and classroom observation expenses in connection with application process
- All apprentice visits made in conjunction with an experienced consultant

Additional Notes

- All people actively involved in the Training of Trainers Program are eligible and encouraged to apply.
- Completion of each sequential phase is required for advancement to the next phase. In atypical situations, exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Consultation Committee.
- Applications received after the deadline will be considered on a case by case basis.

Contact Information

Completed application form, resume, written statement of purpose, personal essay, two reference forms, and application fee for **\$50** are due by **Friday, July 17, 2020**. For any questions, please contact AMI/USA Director of School Affiliation and Consultation, Lynne Breitenstein-Aliberti by email: lynne@amiusa.org or by phone: 571-302-5284.