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AMI/USA Consultant Training Course

Primary and Elementary

General Information

Course sessions will be anchored to AMI’s strong pedagogical foundation, focusing on current training models and the consultation process itself, including observation, consulting with teachers and administrators and completing written reports. The primary and elementary consultant training course will be led by AMI Trainers and Consultants on June 12 – 16, 2020 and will take place at the Arbor Montessori School in Decatur, GA located at: 2998 Lavista Rd. Decatur, GA 30033. Following completion of the course, participants will complete written assignments and participate in two apprentice visits during the 2020-21 academic year.

Prerequisites*

AMI Primary Consultant	AMI Elementary Consultant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Current AMI Membership</i> • <i>Bachelor’s degree</i> • <i>AMI primary diploma</i> • <i>A minimum of six years teaching experience at the primary level, with at least 3 consecutive years in the same classroom and aligned with the AMI standards</i> • <i>A successful AMI classroom consultation visit</i> • <i>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</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Current AMI Membership</i> • <i>Bachelor’s degree</i> • <i>AMI elementary diploma</i> • <i>A minimum of six years teaching experience, with three consecutive years in the same classroom and aligned with the AMI standards. Can be either 6 -9, 9-12 or 6-12 classrooms</i> • <i>A successful AMI classroom consultation visit</i> • <i>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</i>

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



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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 request an application and reference packet. Completed applications are due to the AMI/USA office by **January 31, 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?, 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 Reference Forms: one from your current or most recent AMI employer and one from a trainer from your training course.
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 is 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.



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Course Fees/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, January 31, 2020**
- **Acceptance Notification** **Notified by Friday, February 28, 2020**
- \$200 deposit Due by **Friday, March 20, 2020**
- \$950 balance Due by **Friday, April 24, 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, January 31, 2020** by email to: Lynne Breitenstein-Aliberti, director of affiliation and consultation: lynne@amiusa.org or by mail to: AMI/USA • 206 N. Washington St., Suite 330, Alexandria, VA 22314. For any questions, please call Lynne at: 571-302-5284.



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