

MONTESSORI WORKSHOPS for 2012-2013

Discover the unique role of the Montessori educator in the classroom in preparing a learning environment that fosters independence and respect. These methods can be used in any classroom to teach basic concepts in a child-centered way. Each session meets from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the day and in the location indicated below.



BASICS OF MONTESSORI EDUCATION

December 1, 2012
Deerfield Montessori Children's House
1500 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

Come and immerse yourself in an authentic Montessori children's house. Learn how to create an environment that fosters children's practical life skills, responsibility, and courtesy. Montessori philosophy is embedded in daily routines and structures, so that children learn to live at peace with themselves and others. You can apply these same principles in your classroom even if you do not teach in a Montessori school.

MATHEMATICS THE MONTESSORI WAY

March 2, 2013
Riverwoods Montessori School
3140 Riverwood Road
Riverwoods, IL 60015

Experience mathematics in a new way. With hand and mind fully engaged, you will explore the carefully sequenced Montessori mathematics curriculum. While you will be using Montessori materials in this workshop, you will also learn how to adapt and use the materials you already have to improve your students' understanding of number, scale, pattern, proportion, part-whole relationships, addition, subtraction, and more. A tour of Montessori classroom environments will be included.

LANGUAGE IN THE CONTENT AREAS THE MONTESSORI WAY

April 20, 2013
Deerfield Montessori Children's House
1500 Wilmot Road
Deerfield, IL 60015

In a Montessori Children's House, children develop language skills as they learn about the world around them. When children learn about science, physical geography, and people from other countries, they have many opportunities to learn new vocabulary, listen for information, speak and ask questions, and emerge as readers and writers. In this workshop, you will encounter proven techniques for integrating the language arts and the content areas for powerful learning.

Participants can register for any one or more of the sessions. The cost of one session is \$95; two sessions are \$85 each; three sessions are \$75 each. Multiple session discounts are available when registering and paying for more than one session at the same time. CPDUs are available.

For more information or to register, visit www.cedu.niu.edu/oep/conferences. If taking two or more sessions, you may also register for one graduate credit hour from Northern Illinois University at an additional cost. For information, contact Maylan Dunn-Kenney, associate professor, Department of Special and Early Education (mdunn@niu.edu or 815-753-8082).



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The locations for these workshops have been carefully chosen to support the workshop goals.

The Deerfield Montessori Children's House is a re-designed ranch house with a classroom for 3-to-6-year-old children and a classroom for toddlers and 2-year-olds and a back deck for expansion of classroom activities. The outdoor environment of 2.75 acres includes nature trails, a hill, a play house, playgrounds and a little children's garden with mini waterfall, sculpture, wind chimes and children's park bench.

The Riverwoods Montessori School environment is 4.5 acres and was originally a farm. It has a pond, a gazebo, a Monet bridge, a small children's garden, a butterfly garden, fountains, brass sculptures of children, a hill, blacktop area and playgrounds. There are two buildings on the property—the custom designed Toddler House for the birth-to-3-year-old classes and the main building (built in 1997) which houses the 3-to-6-year-old classes and the elementary students (6-to-12-year-olds), a greenhouse, a mini gym, a fine arts room, the elementary kitchen, and the elementary studio.

Directions to both locations can be found at: <http://www.montessori-schools.com/Campus-List.htm>



All three workshops will be led by experienced and credentialed Montessori teachers.

CAROLYN KAMBICH is co-founder (1966) and executive director of the Deerfield Montessori Schools, which has four sites and serves children 3 months to 12 years of age. She is past president of AIMS (Association of Illinois Montessori Schools) and also does international consulting with Montessori schools, focusing on East Africa. Carolyn is a graduate of Northern Illinois University in the field of elementary education and is certified by the American Montessori Society as a Montessori directress for the primary level.

USHA BALA is the site supervisor and teacher of the 3-to-6-year-old class at the Deerfield Montessori Children's House. She is certified by the American Montessori Society for the 3-to-6-year-old level. She holds a master's degree in early childhood education leadership and advocacy from National Louis University. She has been in the field of education since 1976 and in 2001 was awarded the Kohl/McCormick Early Childhood Teaching Award for outstanding dedication and service in early childhood education.

LISA KAMBICH, director of schools, Deerfield Montessori Schools, was herself a Montessori child and is the parent of Montessori children. In addition to her bachelor's degree, Lisa holds multiple Montessori certifications, and also has a background in design. Lisa is past president of AIMS (Association of Illinois Montessori Schools) and the organization's current vice president. She has been in the field of education since 1986. She serves as a consultant for local teacher training programs and also serves as an accreditation consultant for the American Montessori Society.

JOJI ESCANILLA, holds a master's degree in education and leadership from Saint Xavier University. She has a background of teaching and administration in the field of education since 1986 and holds multiple Montessori certifications. She helped to establish the elementary program at the Riverwoods Montessori School and is a Montessori elementary consultant with the Deerfield Montessori Schools. She is currently co-director of the Skokie Montessori School, which serves pre-school and elementary children.

Four Ways to Register:

1. Online: www.cedu.niu.edu/oep/conferences/
2. Mail: NIU Outreach Registration
Northern Illinois University
DeKalb, IL 60115
(Registration form available at website)
3. Phone: 800-345-9472, 815-753-0277
4. FAX: 815-753-6900

TDD/TTY: Call 815-753-2000, request transfer to Outreach.