

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What are the admission requirements?

This is a progression degree that has two entry points; eligible students may apply directly to Stage/Year 1 or directly to Stage/Year 2 depending on the qualifications they have achieved.

### What is a progression (or Add-On) degree?

A progression degree is a programme that builds on an existing knowledge base. In this case, the Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Montessori Education (Level 8) builds on the knowledge base of the Montessori philosophy and method for 0-6 year olds and focusses on the philosophy and method for supporting children's learning (6-12yrs).

To be eligible to apply to Stage/Year 1 requires students to have achieved a QQI level 6 in Montessori with a Merit profile and a minimum of 2 Distinctions. CIT is in partnership with Cork College of Commerce though applications from comparable institutes are welcome.

To be eligible to apply to Stage/Year 2 requires students to have achieved a Bachelor of Arts in Montessori Education (Level 7).

Application for Stage/Year 1 and Stage/Year 2 is by 'Direct Entry' only – eligible students apply directly to the Admissions Office in CIT and do not apply through the CAO system.

Please email [admissions@cit.ie](mailto:admissions@cit.ie) for an Application Form.

### Where can I find detailed module information?

[www.cit.ie/course/CRHMONT8](http://www.cit.ie/course/CRHMONT8)

CIT has developed this website which gives full details of all modules for all courses. The website also has information on recommended textbooks, average weekly workload, assessments and exams.

### How many places are available?

There are 50 places in Stage/Year 1 and 30 places in Stage/Year 2.

## BA (Honours) in Montessori Education (6 - 12Yrs)

Dr Maria Montessori (1870 - 1952) developed an innovative, child-centred approach to education. The goal of Montessori education is to foster a child's natural inclination to learn. Montessori teachers are trained facilitators in the classroom, always ready to assist and direct. Their purpose is to excite the child's enthusiasm for learning and to guide it, without interfering with the child's natural desire to teach themselves and become independent.



# BA (Honours) in Montessori Education



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## Montessori Education

CIT, in partnership with Cork College of Commerce, is offering a BA (Honours) in Montessori Education leading to a NFQ Level 8 award. This is a specialist two-year add-on Honours Degree programme that aims to produce highly skilled Montessori 6-12 teachers with the requisite knowledge, skills, and competence to work effectively to meet the requirements of children in a variety of Irish or international educational settings.

It has two entry points; direct to Stage/Year 1 for those with a QQI Level 6 Montessori qualification and direct to Stage/Year 2 for those with a Level 7 degree in Montessori. The degree includes supervised internship as well as practical and research experience.

The programme focusses on teacher training with a balance of Montessori practical labs, theory and supervised internship including a preparatory module to inform teaching practice and offers an array of supporting modules, such as, psychology, creative and critical thinking, PE: moving and learning, process-led arts, ICT, research skills, ethics and administration.

Moreover, students can choose an elective module; the range includes Irish, outdoor learning, leadership in practice, inclusion: partnerships to name a few.

### Is there a pathway to primary school teaching from this course?

- BA (Honours) graduates are eligible to apply for the Professional Masters in Education (which typically runs for 24 months) as long as they present with the minimum Leaving Certificate requirements.

## Career Opportunities

Graduates may seek employment in a number of areas including national and international Montessori schools (0-12yrs); working with children with specific learning needs; ECCE profession; Out-of-School centres; sector related management and policy development and research centres.

## Work Placement

There is a mandatory 8 Week (240 hours) Teaching Practice in Primary Schools in Stage/Year 1 where students will have the opportunity to create and deliver appropriate lesson plans. In line with CIT policy, students on placement are required to undergo vetting. Vetting is conducted by the National Vetting Bureau (formerly known as the Garda Central Vetting Unit). The National Vetting Bureau (NVB) helps to assess the suitability of all applicants on this programme. It is important to note that participation in or completion of this programme may be affected by subsequent disclosure/discovery.



*"The transition from the College of Commerce to Cork Institute of Technology was smooth. We had induction and orientation around campus and the lecturers made us feel welcome which helped us settle in. We have our own space; a specially designed room with Montessori materials. We are treated as educators and we contribute a lot to the programme. We have a close bond with all the lecturers which makes the CIT experience enjoyable!"*

*The first Montessori Class to CIT*

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### Course Programme

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### Year 1

**Semester 1 (Sept – Dec)**  
Montessori Materials 6 -9 years  
Montessori Theory 6 – 9 years  
Montessori Intern Prep  
Embedding ICT in Education  
PE: Moving and Learning  
Creative and Critical Thinking

**Semester 2 (Feb – May)**  
Montessori Work Practice  
Montessori Theory 9 – 12 years  
Montessori Materials 9 – 12 years  
Child Psychology  
**Elective**  
Outdoor Learning in ECEC  
Leadership in Practice

### Year 2

**Semester 3 (Sept – Dec)**  
Montessori Research Skills  
Teaching Process and Practice  
Ethics in Education  
Multicultural Education  
PE: Moving and Learning  
**Elective**  
Psychological Adjustment  
Inclusion: Partnerships

**Semester 4 (Feb – May)**  
Montessori Dissertation  
Children's rights in ECEC  
Process-Led Arts  
**Elective**  
Enterprise for ECEC  
An Ghaeilge

