

Greetings from Mount Rainier Montessori Teacher Preparation!

Mount Rainier Montessori Teacher Preparation (“*the Mount*”) was founded by Diana Mamerto Holz who has been teaching adults in Early Childhood Education for more than 36 years. After receiving her Montessori certification at Spring Valley Montessori and the University of Puget Sound, she started teaching her own staff at Green River Montessori School on how to follow the Montessori philosophy. This was first in conjunction with Renton Technical College and later at Green River College in their Early Childhood Education department, where she was a tenured faculty member and Program Director for Early Childhood Education. This led to the creation of a full-year Montessori certificate approved by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. Diana worked diligently to have the training program MACTE-approved with AMS affiliation; however, she was unable to get approval from the college to move forward. In June of 2021, after 30 years at the college, Diana retired and set out to engage in the self-study MACTE accreditation with AMS affiliation.

Diana is now in collaboration with The Evergreen State College Tacoma Campus to offer a Montessori Pathway toward a Bachelor’s of Liberal Arts in Early Childhood Education.

There is a commitment to assist the adult learner in becoming a highly capable Montessori teacher. Mount Rainier Montessori Teacher Preparation offers all components required to receive a Montessori credential. Seminar instruction includes interactive lectures, demonstrations, small group discussion, videos, adult learner presentations, and supervised practice. All required Montessori materials will be demonstrated by instructors and are available during class practice times for adult learners.

The training is taught in-person and online. Seminars are held monthly on weekends to comply with the in-person instruction required by both MACTE and AMS. Dual enrollment at The Evergreen State College may also require a weekly class. Practicum placement is available at Green River Montessori School and at Montessori schools in the greater Puget Sound area. Adult learners can also do their practicum at their own Montessori work site.

Please email Diana Holz at officegrms@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to arrange a meeting on Zoom.

