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**ADMISSION NOTICE FOR
THE ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE**

"MARIA MONTESSORI: PEDAGOGY FOR PEACE" ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024

Art. 1 – COURSE OVERVIEW

The course offers an in-depth program dedicated to Montessori teachers and trainers, with a focus on cultural and pedagogical themes. This course combines theory, practice, and research experience; it provides Montessori teachers and trainers with the opportunity to acquire highly qualifying skills by delving into the roots of Montessori pedagogy, engaging in dialogues about educational practice, and exploring topics such as inclusion and peace education.

The Advanced Training Course aims to introduce teachers from around the world on the topics of peace, education, and inclusion through encounters with the historically meaningful places for Maria Montessori, which have become spaces for study and dialogue with peace thinkers of the past and present. The goal is to provide participants with guidelines on these topics and promote a genuine culture of inclusion, which contributes to the creation of a harmonious and peaceful world.

Art. 2 – RECIPIENTS

The course is aimed at Montessori teachers and trainers from around the world who primarily work with the 3–6 age group. It is also open to anyone who wants to become familiar with Montessori pedagogy or is interested in exploring topics such as the principles of non-violence, pacifist movements, children's rights in armed conflicts, and the promotion of cultural encounters in schools.

Art. 3 – ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be admitted to the course, you must have:

an Italian "Laurea Triennale" - three-year bachelor degree - obtained in accordance with the Ministerial Decree D.M. 270/04 or Ministerial decree D.M. 509/99

or

an Italian "Laurea vecchio ordinamento" degree obtained in accordance with the regulations proceeding the Ministerial Decree D.M. 509/99



or

a foreign academic qualification recognized as equivalent (see article 11 for the documentation required for this purpose).

The qualification to access the course must be obtained before or on the time the application is submitted.

Art. 4 – DURATION AND PROGRAM

The course will start on **June 10th, 2024** and will conclude on **July 26th, 2024**.

The training program is divided into an initial **online component** (June 10th – July 5th, 2024) and a subsequent **in-person component** at the University for Foreigners of Perugia (July 15th – 26th, 2024)

The program is structured as follows:

		Activity (hours)	Credits	Scientific Disciplinary Sector
ONLINE	Children and wars: peace, rights, health and education	8	1	SPS/04
	Languages and human rights in the philosophy of non-violence	8	1	L-LIN/01
IN PERSON	Educating for peace in a world of wars, promoting encounter, beauty and health	16	1	M-STO/04
	Education for Equality and Inclusion	8	1	M-PED/03
	Practical workshop activities (laboratory)	17	1	M-PED/03
	Project work		1	M-PED/03



The **online component** includes **two educational modules**, which will be available as follows:

- Module 1 - Children and Wars: Peace, Rights, Health and Education
- Module 2 - Languages and Human Rights in the Philosophy of NonViolence

Each of the two modules includes recorded video lectures (2 hours), synchronous lectures on Teams (6 hours), supplementary materials, and online activities.

Synchronous lessons will take place on Teams; the remaining activities will be uploaded through the university's Moodle "Learning OnLine" (LOL) platform.

Participants will be supported in carrying out the activities during the online component by a **Tutor**.

► It is possible to just enroll for the online part of the course! (see art. 9).

The **in-person component**, which will take place at the University for Foreigners of Perugia, includes:

1. **two educational modules**, which will be carried out as follows:

- Module 3 - Educating for Peace in a World of Wars, Promoting Encounter, Beauty and Health
- Module 4 - Education for Equality and Inclusion

Each of the two modules includes lectures, group work, and guided educational visits to the Sacred Convent Library of Assisi and Villa Montesca in Città di Castello.

The in-person part of the course will be inaugurated with the **Symposium** "Maria Montessori: Pedagogy for Peace". This event will feature distinguished speakers discussing peace-related topics.

2. a field observation **workshop** (laboratory) at the Santa Croce Kindergarten School in Perugia, a partner of the university in this initiative. Participants will observe teaching practices and learning processes in the classroom. Direct observation will be followed by the development of observational protocols and group discussions.

The workshop will focus on the following themes: Art and music; Intercultural education; Nutrition and health; Childhood play; Children's drawing.

3. the development and discussion of a work project, which involves an in-depth exploration of one of the topics covered.



Art. 5 – LANGUAGE

The course will be entirely in the **English language** (lectures, educational materials, assessment, etc.). Therefore, good knowledge of the English language is recommended for a successful involvement in the educational activities.

Art. 6 – ATTENDANCE AND SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

Online component: During the online component, participants may organize their work with maximum flexibility, but are obligated to complete the utilization of the educational activities in both modules by their respective closing dates. For lessons conducted on TEAMS, synchronous participation is recommended, as live lectures will encourage active engagement and discussion among participants through group work. However, these sessions will be recorded to allow participants who cannot connect during the scheduled times to view them later, considering that the course is aimed at participants from around the world with significantly different time zones. The tutor will support and monitor the active participation of participants.

In-Person component: Attendance for the in-person activities is mandatory; a maximum of 10 hours of absences are allowed (equivalent to 25% of the total hours allocated for lectures, symposiums, laboratories, and educational visits). A designated tutor will record the participants' attendance through the completion of specific registers (signatures).

The scheduled activities are published on the institutional webpage of the course (Course calendar).

Art. 7 – ASSESSMENTS

The course includes **an assessment at the end of each educational module**, for both the online and in-person components, with the aim of evaluating the actual acquisition of the presented content. The assessments will consist of written tests, predominantly multiple-choice, and will be administered online within the LOL platform on the module's closing day. For the online modules, participants will be provided with the opening and closing times of the assessment, which will, in any case, be at least 24 hours to allow submission from participants in different time zones. For in-person components, assessments are scheduled in the course calendar.



End-of-module assessments will result in a score out of thirty.

For the **laboratory** component, the evaluation will be based on an approval which each participant will achieve through active participation in laboratory activities, and will be certified by the Course's Scientific Director.

At the end of the course, there will be a **final assessment** consisting of an individual presentation and discussion of the Project Work before an Examination Committee. To access the final evaluation, participants must have passed all end-of-module assessments, obtained approval in the laboratory component, and fulfilled the attendance requirement during the in-person component of the course. The final assessment will be given a score out of thirty; the grade obtained by the participant in the final examination will constitute the overall course grade.

Art. 8 – FINAL CERTIFICATION

At the end of the course, a certificate will be issued, attesting to the participation in the Advanced Training Course 'Maria Montessori: Pedagogy for Peace' Academic Year 2023/2024, with the recognition of 6 Credits. The achievement of the certificate is subject to passing the final assessment.

Art. 9 - ENROLLMENT FOR ONLINE COMPONENT ONLY

There is the possibility to only enroll for the online component of the course (June 10th – July 5th, 2024). The training program for the online component, already described in Article 4, is summarized below:

	Activity (hours)	Credits	Scientific Disciplinary Sector
Children and wars: peace, rights, health and education	8	1	SPS/04
Languages and human rights in the philosophy of non-violence	8	1	L-LIN/01



To participate in the online component only, candidates must meet the eligibility requirements outlined in Article 3.

Participants enrolled only for the online component:

1. Must adhere to the attendance guidelines described in Article 6.
2. Are required to undergo assessments at the end of each module, as outlined in Article 7.

Participants who successfully pass both end-of-module assessments will receive a certificate confirming their participation in the "Maria Montessori: Pedagogy for Peace" Advanced Training Course, and receive 2 credits.

Art. 10 – REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee for the entire course is €1,200.00 (one thousand two hundred euros).

The registration fee for only the online component is €400.00 (four hundred euros).

Art. 11 – APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Candidates must submit their applications exclusively through the **online procedure** available on the **PICA** web platform (Cineca) at the following address:

<https://pica.cineca.it/unistrapg/altaformazione-p4p-2024/domande/>

Within the application, candidates must indicate whether they wish to participate in the entire training program or only the online component.

The application must be submitted by **May 6th 2024, 2:00 p.m. (Italian time)**.

Instructions for submitting the application are detailed in the document "Instructions for Completing the Application in PICA" attached to this notice (annex 1) and published on the course webpage.

Once the application process is completed, the candidate will receive an email confirming the successful submission. The email will include the **identification code for the application, which the candidate must retain** (refer to article 12).

In the admission application, candidates must:

1. Declare possession of the required educational qualification for admission.



In the case where the candidate holds a foreign qualification, it must be documented by attaching one of the following:

- a. a copy of the Diploma Supplement issued by the University where the qualification was obtained, in either Italian or English
- b. a copy of the English-language degree certificate issued by the University where the qualification was obtained
- c. a copy of the degree certificate issued by the University where the qualification was obtained, translated into Italian or English (official translation)
- d. a copy of the Declaration of Value (Dichiarazione di Valore) issued by the Italian Diplomatic Representation in the country where the qualification was obtained
- e. a statement released by CIMEA - Information Center on Academic Mobility and Equivalences (<https://www.cimea.it>)

2. Attach a copy of a valid identification document.

Candidates who have applied for the course can check if they have been admitted; admitted candidates must then finalize their registration by paying the registration fee, as explained in the following article.

Art. 12 – AVAILABLE SPOTS, ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS, AND ENROLLMENT

The course has a **maximum capacity of 30 participants for the entire training program**: applications will be accepted **on a first-come, first-served basis**, following the eligibility verification.

There is **no maximum limit** for participants in the **online-only component**; therefore, all submitted applications may be accepted, subject to admissibility confirmation.

Candidates who have submitted participation applications can check whether they have been admitted on the course's website <https://www.unistrapg.it/node/10993>

The following will be published by **May 9th 2024** at the latest:

- List of accepted applications for the entire training program
- List of accepted applications for the online component



The publication of these lists serves as official notification; no personal communications will be sent to the candidates. The lists will not include the candidates' names, but the **identification code** of the application, in compliance with current privacy regulations (refer to Article 11).

Admitted candidates who want to withdraw their enrollment are kindly requested to send an email to p4p@unistrapg.it by **May 13th 2024, 8:00 a.m. (Italian time)**.

Admitted candidates who want to confirm their enrollment must make a one-time payment of the registration fee, to be completed by **May 27th 2024, 11:59 p.m. (Italian time)**. The university Secretary Office (Servizio Segreteria Corsi di Laurea e Didattica) will send the payment details via email.

Failure to make the payment within the specified period will be considered a withdrawal from enrollment by the admitted candidate.

In the case of applications for the entire training program, if one of the 30 admitted candidates withdraws, the slot will be reassigned through the review of the list of eligible applications. In this case, the substitute candidate will be personally informed via email sent to the email address provided in the admission application, serving as an official notification. This communication will specify the deadline for completing the enrollment by paying the registration fee.

The course will be activated with a minimum of 10 enrolled participants for the entire training program. In the event of the course not being activated, the registration fees already paid will be refunded.

Foreign citizens must comply to the norms governing the entry and stay of foreign citizens in Italy; participants from non EU countries who need a Visa (see <https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en>) must submit a copy of the document to the Secretary Office upon arrival in Perugia for the in-person component of the Course.



Art. 13 - DATA PROTECTION

The processing of personal data required by this notice is intended for all activities related to access to a postgraduate course at the University for Foreigners of Perugia, as described in the information available at:

<https://www.unistrapg.it/sites/default/files/docs/documentazione/privacy/informativa-master.pdf>

Art. 14 - PROCEDURE RESPONSIBLE

In accordance with the provisions of Law 241/1990, Chapter II, and subsequent amendments and integrations, the person responsible for the procedure outlined in this notice is Dr. Rita Mariotti, the Acting Manager of the Advanced Training Service, email: altaformazione@unistrapg.it, phone: +39 075 5746 275 – 629.

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