



Montessori Partnerships for Georgia

FAQs on Georgia's Montessori Teaching Certificate

Q: What Montessori teaching credentials does Georgia accept for the Montessori Certificate?

A: Georgia recognizes credentials from all MACTE-accredited Montessori teacher training institutes, regardless of location or university affiliation.

Q: What else is required to qualify for the certificate?

A: In addition to completing a MACTE-accredited program, meeting the following requirements allows you to qualify for an Induction Pathway 3 Montessori certificate:

- Hold a bachelor's degree or higher from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution;
- Earn a passing score on the appropriate GACE content test;
- Complete three semester hours of acceptable college credit or five approved CEU's in identifying and educating exceptional children covering all exceptionalities (may be completed in the first year of certification);
- Earn a passing score on the Georgia Educator Ethics Exam, Program Exit Level (may be completed within the first three years of certification);
- The certificate must be requested by an employing school system or private school.

Q: I have a Montessori credential at the elementary level. Can I get a Georgia certificate that allows me to teach a kindergarten/first grade class?

A: No. Georgia's Montessori certification fields align with Montessori's developmental age groupings, so an elementary certificate would allow you to teach grades 1-3 (Elementary I) or 1-6. (Elementary I-II).

Q: I earned my Montessori diploma before my training center was accredited by MACTE. Can I still qualify for the certificate?

A: Possibly. If your coursework is equivalent to what is now offered by a MACTE-accredited training center, you can ask that training center to evaluate your transcripts and apply for a letter of equivalency from MACTE. The training center will charge you an administrative fee as well as the MACTE student fee. The Montessori Institute of North Texas has graciously offered to evaluate AMI primary transcripts for Georgia certificate seekers.

Q: My training is not MACTE-accredited, but it has allowed me to teach in a public Montessori classroom. Can I qualify for certification?

A: You may be grandfathered in to qualify for the Montessori certificate if you have taught in a Georgia public Montessori classroom for at least one school year by July 1, 2018, while holding a Montessori credential that met the requirements of your employing school district at the time of your initial employment. Montessori educators who qualify for certification based on meeting grandfathering requirements will be required to satisfy the applicable Special Georgia Requirements.

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