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**SPECIAL PURPOSE AWARD LEVEL 6  
MONTESSORI EDUCATION  
FOR DEMENTIA**

INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME



## Certificate in Montessori Education for Dementia (Level 6)



Each of the four programme modules is taught by specialists in the field of Montessori, Psychology or Gerontology, giving students the opportunity to learn from skilled professionals who can mentor them in applying evidence-based strategies to improve the lives of older adults.

The Certificate Programme provides flexibility for working professionals by offering classes live online twice weekly for one hour each evening. Additional self-paced learning is supported through reading assignments, videos, and other resources accessed from a virtual learning environment available at any time of day. Three intensive workshops spaced throughout the semester provide opportunities for in depth learning of specific topics and group work that focuses on application of concepts.

Anyone is welcome to register for the introductory workshop without committing to attending the semester long study. The College offers group discounts to care communities that would like to send several staff members to learn how Montessori can provide an innovative person-centred approach to dementia care.

This unique programme develops practitioners who are knowledgeable about and competent in applying the Montessori philosophy to elder care. All students who earn the Level 6 Special Purpose Award will also qualify for the Association Montessori Internationale Practitioner Certificate in Montessori for Dementia and Ageing.

### About the Programme Director

Jennifer Brush, MA, CCC/SLP is the Program Director for Montessori Education for Dementia.



She is an award-winning author, dementia educator and consultant. Jennifer serves on the Association Montessori International's (AMI) Advisory Board for Montessori for Ageing and Dementia and is one of two AMI Certified Trainer of Trainers in the world.

### Who should study this Programme?

This Level 6 Certificate is for healthcare workers, Montessori educators, school leavers/high school graduates, graduates of QQI level 5 and 6 education and healthcare programmes, mature entrants, international students and graduates changing career direction, who have a desire to apply Montessori philosophy to ageing and dementia in order to improve outcomes for elders living with cognitive impairment. Family members caring for relatives with dementia can also gain valuable insight and learn practical skills that will have genuine impact.





# SPECIAL PURPOSE AWARD

## (LEVEL 6) MONTESSORI EDUCATION FOR DEMENTIA

### Overview

**Apply Direct** [Apply Here](#) or [www.smsi.ie](http://www.smsi.ie)

Having completed the introductory workshop, participants can continue to work towards the combined blended-learning QQI accredited 30 ECTS (1 Semester) Certificate. All students who successfully complete the certificate programme will also earn the Association Montessori Internationale Practitioner Certificate in Montessori for Dementia and Ageing.

The course is delivered through a combination of live online sessions, in-class workshops, self-directed learning and professional practice in the placement module.

Programme modules:

- MED 1: Montessori Education across a Lifespan
- MED 2: Attention, Learning and Memory
- MED 3: Understanding Dementia
- MED 4: Applied Montessori: Prepared Environments for Dementia

### Entry Requirements

Leaving Certificate, High School Diploma (or further qualifications e.g. Bachelor's Degree)

### Fees

€1195pp Course Fee (incl. Workshop fee)  
 € 995pp EARLY BIRD - APPLY BEFORE 31 MAY  
 € 995pp Group Discount 4+ (incl. Workshop fee)

**Duration:** 1 Semester

### Dates

Please see our website for details on entry deadlines and dates:

<https://smsi.ie/montessori-dementia-certificate/>

## A Typical Week in the MED Programme

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Morning							
Afternoon					Dublin Campus Workshop (6 hr)	Dublin Campus Workshop (6 hr)	
Evening	Online Class (1 hr)	Online Class (1 hr)	Independent Study (2 hr)	Independent Study (2 hr)			

Three workshops throughout the year (see website for dates)

Hours of live online class sessions: 2 hours

Hours of independent study: 2-4 hours

Three two-day workshops throughout the year

## STANDALONE INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP | 3 DAY INTENSIVE

# WORKSHOP INFORMATION

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- Person Centred Care
- Care of Elders (In Ireland?)
- Montessori Across the Lifespan
- Montessori in Aged Care Settings
- Creating supportive dementia environments
- Montessori Demonstrations & Practice
- Understanding Dementia & Memory
- Transformation of Care Settings using Montessori Philosophy


**Fees** €195 Workshop ONLY

**Register Direct** [Register Here](https://smsi.ie) or <https://smsi.ie>

**Duration:** 3 days

**Dates:** Please visit our website:  
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Example of Previous 3 day Workshop Below:

<p><b>17:00</b> Ireland Welcome and Introductions</p> <p><b>17:15</b> Ireland Person-Centered Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Person-Centered Engagement</i></li><li>• <i>The Value of Roles</i></li></ul> <p>What is Montessori?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Background of Dr. Montessori's Work</i></li><li>• <i>Key Discoveries of Human Development</i></li><li>• <i>Key Components of Montessori Education</i></li></ul> <p><b>19:00</b> Ireland Break</p> <p><b>19:15</b> Ireland Applying Montessori Methods to the Care Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Montessori for Aging and Dementia</i></li><li>• <i>Essential Components of Montessori</i></li><li>• <i>The Prepared Environment</i></li><li>• <i>Grace and Courtesy</i></li><li>• <i>Observation</i></li></ul> <p><b>21:00</b> Ireland End</p>	<p><b>17:00</b> Ireland Applying Montessori to the Care Setting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Independence</i></li><li>• <i>Developing Activities</i></li><li>• <i>Developing Roles</i></li></ul> <p><b>19:15</b> Ireland Break</p> <p><b>19:30</b> Ireland Applying Montessori</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Montessori Demonstrations</i></li><li>• <i>Discussion of Practice Session</i></li><li>• <i>Assessing Outcome</i></li><li>• <i>Take Aways</i></li></ul> <p><b>21:00</b> Ireland End</p> 	<p><b>13:00</b> Ireland Understanding Dementia &amp; Memory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>What is Dementia?</i></li><li>• <i>Types of Dementia</i></li><li>• <i>How Memory Works</i></li><li>• <i>Memory Books</i></li></ul> <p><b>14:00</b> Ireland Best Practices for Dementia Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Meaningful Engagement Plans</i></li></ul> <p><b>15:00</b> Ireland Break</p> <p><b>15:15</b> Ireland Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Communication</i></li><li>• <i>Evidence-Based Design</i></li><li>• <i>Environmental Barriers &amp; Facilitators</i></li></ul> <p><b>16:00</b> Ireland Best Practices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Spaced Retrieval</i></li></ul> <p><b>16:30</b> Ireland Putting Montessori into Action</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Where to Begin?</i></li><li>• <i>Phases of Implementation</i></li><li>• <i>Creating an Action Plan</i></li></ul> <p><b>17:00</b> Ireland End</p>
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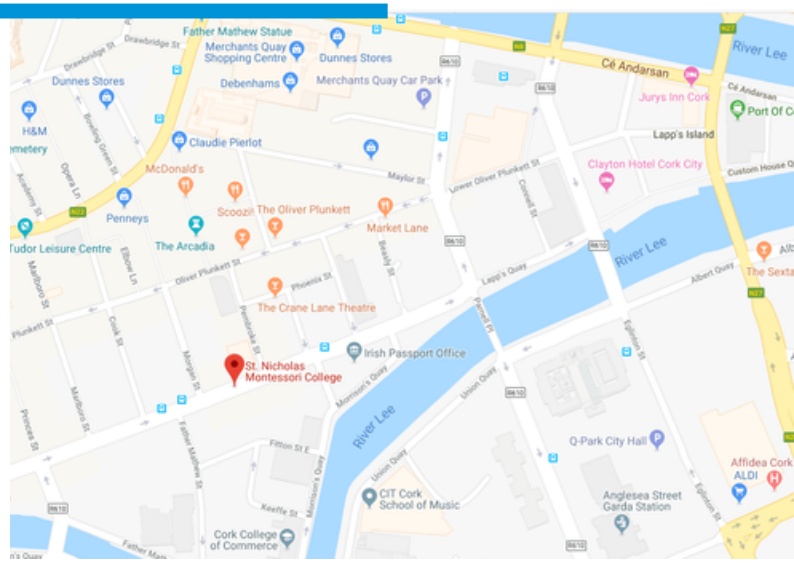
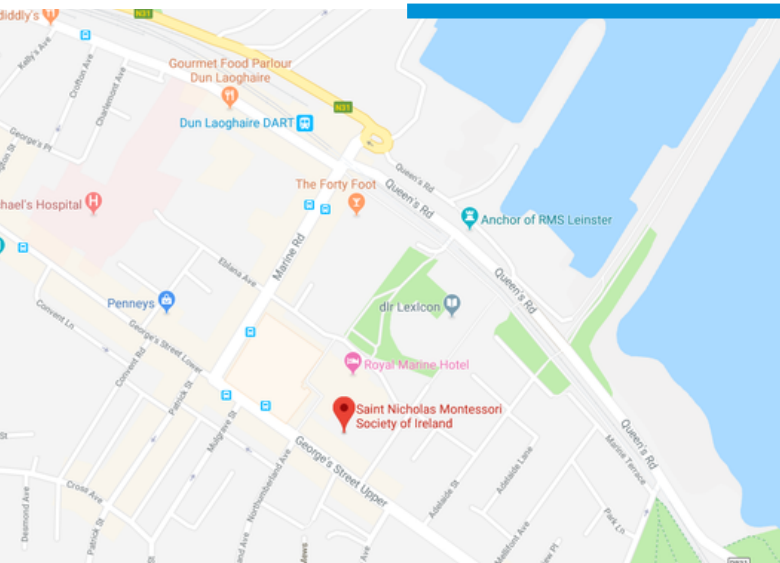




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