



Self-Evaluation Seminars & Coursework Reviews 2016
For Early Childhood
Description, Dates & Schedules

| | EC Coursework Review Day | Self-Evaluation Seminar |
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| SUMMER | Saturday, June 25, 2016 9:00 – 5:00 registration due by: Friday June 17, 2016 | Saturday, July 9, 2016 9:00 – 5:00 registration due by: Tuesday, July 5, 2016 |
| FALL/WINTER | Saturday, October 29, 2016 9:00 – 5:00 registration due by: Monday, October 24, 2016 | Saturday, November 19, 2016 9:00 – 5:00 Registration due by: Monday, November 14, 2016 |

Purpose of Self-Evaluation Seminar:

Self-Evaluation Seminar offers the opportunity for you to review your Montessori preparation in both theory and practice and to assess yourself on your current stage of preparation as a Montessori educator. During Self-Evaluations, you will be called on to formulate responses to questions about Montessori education and early child development and to demonstrate your competence in presenting materials and giving lessons as you would in a classroom situation. You will be giving a short oral presentation, to the group in attendance at your Seminar, of your Special Interest Project. You also are advised to bring the educational materials that you are required to make, to show, share, and have reviewed that day.

Self Evaluations are scheduled twice each year, in Summer and in Winter. In 2016 they will take place in July and November.

Coursework Review Day

A short time prior to each Self-Evaluation Seminar, Seton will hold an EC Coursework Review Day. These days are designed to give support and feedback as you wrap up your course requirements and prepare for certification. There will be opportunity on these days for work with materials, informal small group discussion with faculty and fellow students, and checking of albums and other assignments. You are welcome to participate in EC Coursework Review Days as soon as you've attended your final Advanced Seminar. You may attend as many EC Coursework Review Days as you wish, to help you finish course requirement and prepare for Self-Evaluations within the three years allotted to you for course completion.

You are strongly encouraged to attend the EC Coursework Review Day just prior to your chosen Self-Evaluation Seminar. If, because of distance, this is not possible, arrangements should be made for a preliminary review of your remaining requirements, via email and/or skype, prior to the Self-Evaluation Seminar, and Seton will send you some study tips to help you prepare for the written and performance self-evaluations.



Are You Ready for Self-Evaluations?

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| | Course attendance requirements are complete. Any absences from seminars need to have been accounted for and made up prior to Self-Evaluations. |
| | All Albums must be complete prior to the Self-Evaluation Seminar. Albums that are complete can be checked at the EC Coursework Review Day. Albums nearing completion can be brought to the Review Day for consultation. |
| | Special Interest Project is complete. Bring your completed Special Interest Project written report to the EC Coursework Review Day for review. |
| | Register for the Self-Evaluation Seminar, by mail or email, using the accompanying registration form. |

Personal Preparation for Self-Evaluation Seminar:

- Take advantage of EC Coursework Review Day to make sure you know what you need for a successful Self-Evaluation.
- Please be prompt and arrive in time to settle yourself before the written evaluations begin. It may take you some time to bring in and settle the various materials you are bringing with you that day. An early arrival will be a help to yourself and a courtesy to everyone, since important instructions need to be given at the beginning of the day.
- Bring the albums or assignments that still need final approval and those you will want as reference material for the written Self-Evaluations. Any albums not yet approved will be checked during the seminar day.
- Bring your lunch and some reading material or work for when you've finished the written portion. Participants must follow the schedule of the day as a group, and some individuals finish their writing more quickly than others. Be prepared to be able to use your time if you need to wait for the next scheduled activity of the day.

EC Coursework Review Day Schedule

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| 9:00 – 10:30 AM | Individual Appointments (by pre-arrangement) |
| 10:00 – 12:00 PM | Work with Materials / Informal Q&A with Seton Faculty |
| 12:00 – 1:30 PM | Lunch and Group Discussion of Montessori Philosophy & Pedagogy Questions |
| 1:30 – 4:30 PM | Work with Materials / Informal Q & A with Seton Faculty |
| 4:00 – 5:00 PM | Individual Appointments (by pre-arrangement) |



Self-Evaluation Seminar Schedule for Early Childhood

- 9:00 – 9:30 Arrival and Check-In
- 9:30 – 12:00 Completion of Written Evaluations: Montessori Philosophy & Pedagogy; History/Geography/Sciences; and any of the four main areas that you have not yet completed or are asked to repeat
- You may use any written reference material that you bring with you for the written part of Self-Evaluations. Written responses to the questions are completed individually, without consultation with other students. Cell phones and laptops may not be referred to during written Self-Evaluations.
- 12:00 – 1:00 Checking of Handmade Materials
- You are encouraged to bring a lunch and enjoy looking at all the material work on display during this time. If you are not having materials checked at this time, remember that you must make individual arrangements for having them checked at another time.
- 1:00 – 3:00 Performance Evaluations
- Performance Self Evaluations are done without reference to your album or notes. You will randomly select a material from Practical Life/Sensorimotor and a material from Math/Language/Sciences. You will have some time to collect your material and organize your presentation before presenting to the group. You will work with a partner who will act as your child during your presentation. You may be asked questions about the materials you present. The group may engage in some discussion about a material, after it has been presented.
- 3:00 – 5:00 Presentation of Special Interest Projects
- Come prepared to give a brief (10-15 minute) oral presentation of your special interest project to the other participants at the seminar. You may bring photos, materials or other artifacts that you have made as part of the project to share during your presentation. Please remember that your submitted project will not be returned to you, so you should make a copy for yourself before submitting it.
- 5:00 Conclusion



Registration
Coursework Review Day and Self-Evaluation Seminar
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Name _____ Class/Year _____

Registering for: (check all that apply)

- EC Coursework Review Day: Saturday, June 25 , 2016
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- I will be bringing the following to be checked EC Coursework Review Day :
 - Special Interest Project Title: _____
 - Albums (please list):

 - Other Assignments (please list):

- I will be bringing the following to be checked at Self-Evaluations :
 - Required Material Making
 - Albums (please list):
 - Other Assignments (please list):
 - Special Interest Project

Signature _____ Date _____

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