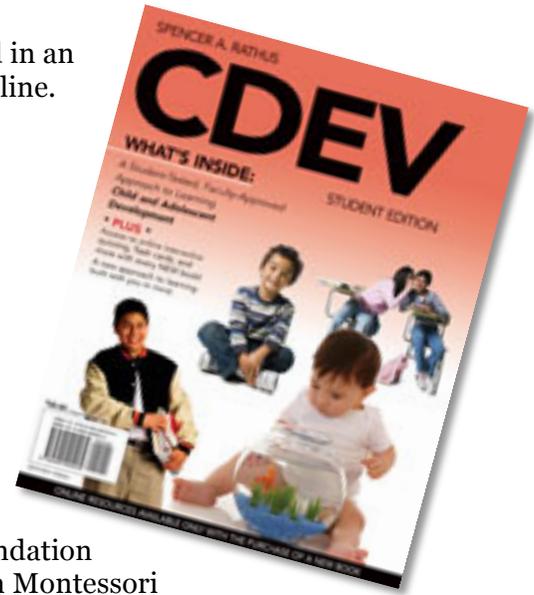


This is an intro-level course, designed for those who do not have a strong background in Child Development. Many students coming into Seton Montessori Institute's programs have come from different backgrounds and have not taken a Child Development course in recent years, if ever. Through participating in this course you will learn about child development from conception through early adolescence, providing the strong foundation for your Montessori certification program and internship experiences. The major theme will be the "whole child." The course has also been designed to introduce online learning to all students in the first week to increase the comfort level with digital learning experiences.

Introduction to Child Development (ICD) will be delivered in an online format and the majority of its work is completed online. The course will begin and end with an online video teleconference for all class participants. All of the course design integrates Montessori principles.

Students are required to purchase the magazine format textbook CDEV by Spencer Rathus, available through online retailers.

There are several components to the course. Since it is on the web, much of the "classroom discussion" takes place through journals and discussion boards. There will be one writing assignment and one non-writing assignment. The program has been thoughtfully prepared to be an appropriate pace for students, and to provide a strong foundation for your Montessori Certification Program studies at Seton Montessori Institute.



The course is primarily asynchronous, meaning that each person logs on at their own time, and you typically do not need to log in at the same time as all the other students each week. There will be some students who are able to complete their work only needing to log in once a week while others will need to log in three to five times in order to be successful. It depends on the type of learner you are, how much time you take to complete the various assignments, and whether you learn best from doing your work in one longer session or in several shorter sessions.

You will have one to two due dates per week, but you can always turn your work in earlier. Your work is due at 11:59 pm of your time zone.

Course Fee: \$350 (CDEV book purchase is responsibility of the student at an estimated additional cost of \$55).

About our Instructors

Our instructors are all members of the Seton Montessori Institute faculty who hold graduate degrees in Education and have had extensive coursework and research on Child Development and related topics.