

This introductory course is designed for those who do not have a strong background in child development. Many adult learners come to Seton Montessori Institute from different disciplines and have not taken a child development course in recent years, if ever. Through participation in this course you will learn about child development from conception through early adolescence, while focusing on the “whole child”. The thoughtfully prepared coursework provides an excellent foundation for beginning Montessori certification studies at Seton Montessori Institute and future internship experiences.

Introduction to Child Development (ICD) integrates Montessori principles and introduces online learning from day one to increase your comfort level with digital learning experiences. The course begins and ends with a video teleconference for all class participants and most coursework is completed online.

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

ICD coursework has several components. Since it is web-based, much of the “classroom discussion” takes place through journals and discussion boards. There is one writing assignment and one non-writing assignment.

The course is primarily asynchronous allowing each person to log in and complete work at his or her own pace and convenience while adhering to one to two deadlines each week. Some students may be able to complete their work only needing to log in once per week while others may 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.

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

### About our Instructors

Our instructors are 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.

