

**You can get into this job through:**

- a university course
- working towards this role

**Average salary**

£18,000 - Starter

£30,000 - Experienced

**Typical working hours each week**

32-34 term time

*You could occasionally work evenings*

**Montessori teacher**

**You'll usually need:**

- 1 or 2 A levels, or equivalent, for a foundation degree or higher national diploma
- 2 to 3 A levels, or equivalent, for a degree

**You could do:**

- a foundation degree or degree in any subject and then train as a Montessori teacher.
- study a diploma, foundation degree or degree in Montessori early childhood practice. This would include theory and practical work-based placements. Courses can be flexible and offer a mix of classroom-based and online study.

## Skills and knowledge. You'll need:

- sensitivity and understanding
- active listening skills
- knowledge of Montessori teaching principles
- patience and the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- the ability to create the best conditions for learning or teaching new things
- the ability to work well with others
- the ability to accept criticism and work well under pressure
- to be flexible and open to change
- to be able to use a computer and the main software packages competently

## Day-to-day tasks. In this role you could:

- plan a programme of work and activities
- prepare the learning areas and resources, and make sure they're safe
- watch the children and make notes on their progress and any issues
- make sure all children have equal chances to learn
- support and involve parents
- look after sick or injured children
- help children with dressing and undressing when needed
- feed children when required
- attend staff meetings
- keep records and write reports

**Montessori teachers encourage children's natural curiosity and help them to learn by doing things for themselves and with other children.**

## Career tips & Progression

- If you're a teacher or early years practitioner in a state school, you could use Montessori methods to broaden your professional practice.
- With experience, you could become a nursery manager, assistant headteacher or headteacher. You could also become an area manager for a group of schools or train other Montessori teachers.
- You may be able to set up your own school, or take on a franchise either in the UK or overseas.

## Further Information

- You can find out more about Montessori careers from the Maria Montessori Institute and Montessori Society AMI UK.  
<https://www.montessorisociety.org.uk/>  
<https://www.mariamontessori.org/training/careers-in-montessori/>
- You can explore different types of courses and ways to train through the Montessori Group.  
<https://www.montessoritraining.org.uk/the-courses-we-offer/>