



Benefits of Affiliation by AMS for Teacher Education Programs

Publicize your program to a broad audience

- The AMS website teacher education program listing, [Find a Teacher Education Program](#), provides pertinent information about your program—a valuable resource for potential adult learners looking for a quality Montessori teacher education program in their area
- *Montessori Life* teacher education program listing – AMS quarterly magazine directs readers to your listing on our website; you may also purchase an ad for your program
- Local Professional Development Events – post your program’s workshops to promote your professional development events to the wider education community
- Complimentary employment listings on our website and at our conferences
- Representation by AMS at regional meetings, national conferences, and educational conferences throughout the world

Raise the quality of your Montessori teacher education program

- Participate in conferences, webinars, symposia, retreats, and other events offered by AMS at discounted rates
- Access to resources, support, and assistance from those dedicated to serve you in the AMS office

Strengthen Montessori education overall

- A subscription to the *online* and print editions of our quarterly professional magazine, *Montessori Life* (4 issues per year)
- A subscription to our e-newsletter, the *AMS Prism*
- An expanding AMS scholarship program available to your adult learners
- A collaborative relationship between AMS and MACTE (Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education), the accreditor of all AMS-affiliated teacher education programs

Speak out through AMS to garner public support and encourage advocacy

- Representation in the MACTE Board of Directors, the Montessori Leadership Collaborative, the United Nations, the Council for American Private Education, the Children’s Defense Fund, and other coalitions to advocate for the Montessori education community
- Active support of Montessori research, including research journals, grants and opportunities resources and support

Membership in the *Teacher Educators Section (TES)*

The TES implements the Montessori vision within AMS by developing high quality teacher education programs, submits candidates for the MACTE Board, and elects the chair and two members-at-large to TES that sit on the TEAC (Teacher Education Action Commission) to provide leadership in the affiliation process. Teacher educator members:

- Participate in an annual meeting for teacher educators where attendees receive professional development, learn the latest trends and research in the Montessori community, and attend networking sessions
- Help research and advance best practices in the preparation of Montessori teacher educators
- Contribute to a knowledge base of curriculum and instruction for Montessori teacher education
- Create and advocate for standards to support and maintain excellence in AMS-affiliated Montessori teacher education programs

Teacher education program members also receive:

- Voting rights in AMS elections to help shape the future of Montessori education—one vote per course level, per site
- Access to Caucus where members have a voice in the decisions relating to AMS standards and requirements for TEPs
- Subscription to the Teacher Educators listserver for networking with other TEP directors and faculty
- Discounts on AMS brochures and other publications
- Discounts on purchases from Nienhuis Montessori USA
- Opportunities to participate in various insurance plans including auto, liability, disability, and term life insurance, plus comprehensive health insurance

Individual members also receive:

- A subscription to the *online* edition of our quarterly magazine, *Montessori Life*
- Domestic members also receive a subscription to the print edition of *Montessori Life* (optional for international members, for an additional fee)
- Discounted registration fees for AMS conferences, webinars, and other professional development events
- Discounts on credential services such as replacement credentials, transcripts, letters of verification of teaching credentials for AMS and NCME credential holders
- Discounted subscription to the online bibliography offered by the North American Montessori Teachers Association (NAMTA)
- A school tuition and salary survey every “odd” year
- Discounts on AMS brochures and other publications
- Discounts (5%) on purchases from Nienhuis Montessori USA
- Access to more than a dozen specially-designed insurance plans, including individual and group health, term life insurance, professional liability insurance and home coverage