

# Montessori Western Teacher Training Program

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## 2013 STUDENT FACT SHEET

This document is designed to give MWTTTP students necessary program information and performance disclosures at a glance. The information found here can be found in greater detail in the MWTTTP Course Catalog and/or Enrollment Agreement.

1. The completion rate for the Montessori Western Teacher Training Program Early Childhood teacher education course for students who were scheduled to graduate in June of 2011 is 79%, and for those scheduled to graduate in 2012 the completion rate is 80%; the completion rate for the Montessori Western Teacher Training Program Elementary Level I teacher education course for students scheduled to graduate in 2010 is 75% (MWTTTP did not operate the E I level course during the 2010-11 cycle), and for those scheduled to graduate in 2012 the completion rate is 83%.
  - a. *Rates are calculated by taking the number of graduates over the number of available graduates and calculating a percentage based upon this ratio (a mid-year maternity leave is treated as exempt as long as the student reenters the program during the next cycle).*
  - b. *This completion rate is published as part of our Enrollment Agreement (information must reflect rates within the prior 18 month period). Students wanting to know how calculations are performed may be directed to the Program Director for further information.*
2. The placement rate (for students obtaining a paid position as a teacher in a Montessori school at the level for which they were certified) for graduates of the MWTTTP Early Childhood course (2010-11 cycle) is 100%, and 86% for the next cycle (2011-12); the placement rate for MWTTTP Elementary I graduates (for the 2009-10 cycle) is 66%, and for the current cycle (2011-12) is 100%.
  - a. *Placement rates—although MWTTTP makes no claim as to job placement, a running record of our students' Practicum Student Teaching sites is kept, as well as of employment in their first year of teaching (after graduation).*
  - b. *This information is kept in a notebook labeled "MWTTTP Forms," along with a "Complaints" log (we've never had a formal complaint), and a list of students who have dropped out before completing the course. We have records dating back to the 1991-92 course cycle.*

3. Montessori teacher certification does not require state licensure (or an examination).
4. MWTP makes no claims, either verbally or in print, regarding the salaries expected in the field of Montessori teaching.

*Explanation: MWTP makes no claim as to potential salary earned upon completion of Montessori teacher certification primarily due to the fact that most Montessori Schools are either non-profit institutions or independently owned. Hence, although there may be a perfectly viable salary structure within individual school organization, there is no universal salary base.*

5. Selecting a Practicum Site: Upon enrollment, each student is provided with a list of Montessori Schools in the southern California area, along with the expectation that s/he will obtain a position as a student teacher in a school for the practicum portion of training. It works best if the student can establish a relationship with the school where s/he plans to engage in the practicum student teaching phase of the course before training begins. Similarly, upon receiving an AMS credential, it is the student's responsibility to obtain a teaching position. MWTP provides no job placement services (See MWTP Early Childhood Catalog, p. 13; MWTP Elementary I Catalog, p. 14).
6. Although the MWTP tuition covers all instructional hours, teaching manuals, professional fees, and \*standard practicum visits, students are expected to pay for their own personal library of books written by Maria Montessori, as well as the materials necessary to prepare teacher-created original exercises.

\*Students living more than 100 miles from the Program facility fall into the category of the non-standard practicum, and are subject to travel fees for practicum visits made by a Program representative (See MWTP Early Childhood/Elementary I Catalogs, p. 6).

This fact sheet is filed with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Regardless of any information you may have relating to completion rates, placement rates, or starting salaries, this fact sheet contains the information as calculated pursuant to state law.

Any questions a student may have regarding this fact sheet that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau of Private Postsecondary Education at P.O Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0810, via the internet at [www.bppe@ca.gov](mailto:www.bppe@ca.gov), or by telephone at (916)574-7720.