**Montessori Teachers College**

**Early Childhood Assistants’ Course Syllabus**

**Day 1**

Welcome and Introductions

Practical Life Principles and Preliminary Exercises

Care of the Environment Exercises

Lecture – The History of Maria Montessori

 Planes of Development

Directed Practicum

Folding Cloths Preparation

**Day 2**

Care of Person Exercises

Grace and Courtesy Exercises and Control of Movement Exercises

Directed Practicum

Lecture – The Development of Movement

Making Folding Cloths

**Day 3**

Sensorial Education Theory Overview and Introduction to Sensorial Materials

Sensorial Exercises

Lecture – The Absorbent Mind

 The Spiritual Embryo

 Sensitive Periods Directed Practicum

Chapter Reviews from Education for a New World

Mystery Bag Discussion

**Day 4**

Chapter Reviews from Education for a New World

Sensorial Exercises

Sensorial Exercises and Directed Practicum

Lecture – Sensorial Education and the Development of the Intellect

 Fantasy, Imagination and the Value of the Sensorial Materials

Directed Practicum

**Independent Study:** Folding Cloths

**Day 5**

Lecture – Introduction to Language – The Montessori Approach to Writing

Language Exercises

Directed Practicum

**Independent Study:** Mystery Bag

**Day 6**

Lecture – The Spiritual Development of the Child/Peace Issues

Language Exercises

Lecture – Culture Introduction

Culture Exercises

Directed Practicum

**Independent Study:** Handwriting Samples and Insets for Design Samples

**Independent Study:** Chapter Reviews

**Day 7**

Lecture – The Role of the Montessori Assistant

Lecture – The Role of the Montessori Teacher

Introduction to Arithmetic

Arithmetic Exercises

Directed Practicum

Exam Preparation

**Independent Study:** Phonetic Reading Samples

**Day 8**

Lecture – Classroom Management Issues, including Freedom and Discipline and expectations of the child, of the parents and of the school

Arithmetic Exercises

Directed Practicum

Final In-Class Exam

Question and Answer Period and Completion of Evaluations

Course Requirement: Attendance at all classes

 Successful completion of all assignments and exam