

Curriculum Building Workshop – July 2020

Syllabus

Session 1: General Principles of a Classroom

This is the big vision of what we want to accomplish and why. It will be our guiding principles for all our work moving forward.

Session 2: Components of a Classroom

Here we will break down and talk in detail about the main components that should be present in a Montessori classroom. We'll talk about how each of them works, what they add to the classroom, and implementation strategies. Exploration on some key components will be supplemented with videos, post-session, for more in-depth discovery.

Session 3: Sample Designs

Michael will be sharing different models of what a class structure can look like daily, yearly, and over the course of 2-3 years. There will be several different options to examine – and it may be overwhelming! But the goal is to show different possibilities and pathways and to demonstrate that there is not just one solution. You will come away with possible starting points and models to serve as inspiration to shape your curriculum to meet your needs (which should now be based on the general principles from Session 1, with the components of Session 2!).

Session 4: Discussion

There will be a lot to unpack from the first three sessions, and so this is the time to ask questions about common situations, specific components of the classroom, specific elements from the models or general philosophy.

Private Follow-Up Sessions:

These are one-on-one sessions with Michael to help with your specific needs. If you have lots of questions getting started, you may want to schedule your session before the end of the course. However, if you can start your design work at the end of the course, Michael can meet with you later this summer and provide feedback on what you have designed. Really, these sessions are here to give you whatever help you need in a very personalized way!