



Dear Adult Learner,

The Shelton Montessori Training will be conducting all our instructions virtually in 2020-2021 academic year. We are optimistic to return to face to face training in summer 2021. The decision to move to virtual instruction was not made lightly. The goal of these changes is to minimize the need to gather in large groups and spend prolonged time near each other in spaces such as classrooms and buildings. Our actions are consistent with leading health officials' recommendations on how to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Instructors will be using Zoom and Canvas platform for "remote delivery," our term for delivering classes over the web. The schedule of classes will remain as published, only the mode of delivery will be virtual. Each day will consist of live sessions with the instructor and independent work time where you will be asked to review modules in Canvas or complete independent work to be presented during live sessions. Each instructor will email the schedule of the day prior to class.

For the virtual sessions, all expectations will remain the same as they were for our regular sessions. You are expected to fully participate in class discussions, prepare materials and manuals as well as write exams. There is no change to the policies and procedures of the academic phase as listed in the Adult Learner Handbook.

AMS has outlined specific guidelines for practicum that will be covered during practicum orientation. Other than the time required for practicum, adult learners are required to fulfill all requirements of the practicum as well as meet competencies as listed in the Practicum Handbook.

Our commitment to your education motivated us to establish our courses online. Teaching remotely is a safety feature to reduce exposure; it is the easiest way to continue to educate without shutting down and delaying your certification. We will continue to provide a high-quality training via remote delivery, and we are fully committed to support you to be successful in this endeavor. Please continue to use your handbook as your reference.

The faculty and staff at Shelton Montessori Training know how stressful this can be for you. Do not hesitate to reach out to us. Together we will stand through this pandemic.

Sincerely,

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