

Mon, Feb 2, 10:10 AM

Hi Henry:

I know we talked about offering our Montessori Teacher Education program as noncredit. We have had a glitch come up in that the University does not have the systems in place (appropriate registration and billing software, personnel) to take on noncredit offerings at this time. Our current application/registration/billing systems only handle credit options, and budget cuts and COVID have reduced personnel in those offices to being spread thin already. Hence we will not be able to offer the noncredit Montessori credential only option as we had hoped. There is no change to the credit option. Sorry to have mislead you....

Warmly,

Linda

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Henry;

We can accommodate a start in January. However, I would like to suggest that if at all possible, the students take at least one or two classes this summer – and then possibly skip the fall term due to those commitments, resuming again come spring term. Here is my rationale: Earning the E2 credential requires at least three summers: E1 classes take up at least the first and part of the second summer. The remaining E2 classes are only offered in the summer. Also the

Philosophy/pedagogy course that is only offered in the summer really sets the foundation for future classes.

The courses that we recommend the first summer are listed below in order of priority depending on how many credits they think they might be able to handle:

- MONT 500 Philosophy and Pedagogy (3 cr) (This is a foundational course that we prefer students take as a first class because it greatly facilitates understanding in future classes. If they can only take one course, this is the one I recommend.)
- MONT 763 Classroom Mgmt (2 cr)
- MONT 705 Great Lessons (1 cr)
- MONT 735 E1 Science (3 cr)

This all being said, we do allow students to start in the program any term. It is just that students find classes make more sense if they have at least had MONT 500 first.

I am attaching our summer calendar to this email so you can see when these classes hold their face to face class meetings. Maybe that will help also. Most classes that have their face to face class days in June will start June 21. All other classes with July meeting dates will start June 28. Students need to log into the class on the day the class begins (not the first face to face class meeting date). All classes will officially end on August 13.

Sorry for my long answer to your short question...



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On Fri, Jan 22, 2021 at 12:07 PM Linda Jacobson <linda.r.jacobson@uwrf.edu> wrote:

Henry,

Thank you for arranging the zoom meeting with your teachers. I truly appreciate it.

The application process is

1. Complete the [online application](#)
2. Pay the \$56 application fee (instructions are on the application)
3. Request official transcripts from the institution where you received your bachelor's degree be sent to graduateadmissions@uwrf.edu. This is often the part that takes the longest, so best to do so right away.

Once we get the summer dates finalized, I can send you the calendars for the summer months and the program schedules for a two year cycle.

Currently, tuition is \$500/credit.

- The Early Childhood program requires 32 credits for the credential only, 35 credits for the Master's: \$16,000/\$17,500
- The Elementary I program requires 40 credits for credential only, 43 for Master's: \$20,000/\$21,500
- The Elementary II requires 6 additional courses (15 credits) on top of the E1 credential. If paying for these as credit courses, that is an additional \$7500. However, since these additional credits are not required for a Master's degree, we are working on making these available as non credit – for an estimated cost of \$4000. These classes have typically only been offered in the summer, and if a teacher is doing their practicum in an E2 Classroom, they need to have completed 90% of their academic coursework by the time they complete their practicum. Consequently, they will need to have completed all the E2 courses before starting their practicum.

Given your teachers would not be taking any E2 classes this first summer, the noncredit (and hence less costly) details should all be worked out by Summer 2022.

Just so you know, we are “pushing the envelope” a bit with the noncredit option. Our university is a bureaucracy and the systems are set up to only deal with credit courses. While COVID has actually helped us push this option, we have to work with the people and systems to make sure everything is in place to handle these noncredit offerings. That is why this is still a work in progress.

Here is the website for the MRX online record keeping system that our students will have access to for a year. <https://mrxreinvented.com/>

Thank you again for setting this up. Please feel free to call/email me with any additional questions. I will try to remember to send you the summer calendars (should be ready by the

first week of February), but if I don't, please pester me to do so!



Have a good weekend!

Linda

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