

Special Education in the Montessori Classroom Workshop



What: This is a 5 week online workshop that will cover the following topics:

- What are learning differences, Learning disabilities, and mental illness
- The process from identification through the IEP
- Some things that work at different levels of maturity
- The stigma that happens around learning differences
- Questions and some answers

Why: Students with learning differences need a curriculum and philosophy that matches how they learn. Montessori is a great fit, being able to “follow the child” in what they need. Understanding and negotiating the regulations and paperwork are part of helping the student.

This online workshop will help Montessori guides and administrators begin to understand a bit about learning differences, including learning disabilities, gifted, autism and more. The workshop will also cover the process from identification of learning difficulties to some ways to improve the way these students learn. The federal laws covering special education will be reviewed.

The instructors will visit about the Federal Laws covering Special Education, but do not necessarily know the state, local and school district regulations for your particular local. The goal of this workshop is to help Montessori administrators and guides give students with learning differences the best.

Who: Tim Fickenscher and Alice Roberts are both Montessori certified teachers and both have certifications in Special Education. Together they have taught secondary Montessori in both public school and private school settings. Alice and Tim also have experience working with elementary special education.



Technical requirements: you will need to have/use a gmail account as we will be using Google classroom and Google sites. These email accounts are free. If you do not have a gmail account, sign up at <https://accounts.google.com/signup>

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