

Frequently Asked Questions



- **What qualifications do I need to attend Bournemouth Montessori Centre?**
Students do not need any formal qualifications to join a course.
- **Do I need a Criminal Convictions check? (D.B.S)**
For all students undertaking their professional placement in England or Wales a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check will be required as it is for anyone working with children.
- **Can the Centre help me find accommodation?**
Bournemouth Montessori Centre is happy to advise a student from out of the area where accommodation can be found and give support.
- **Will I have to arrange my own placements / work experience?**
Bournemouth Montessori Centre will arrange this on your behalf. Placements are local and have firm links with the Centre.
- **Is there any support for payment of fees?**
Students who have been resident in the UK for 3 years can apply for a Career Development Loan to cover the cost of fees. Loans are offered at a reduced interest rate and the Government pays interest while the student is studying. For further details see the website <https://www.gov.uk/career-development-loans/overview>.

If you live in the Dorset Unitary Authority, funding towards the course may be available. Other local authorities may also consider an application on request.

Students can also apply for financial support from BMC. A new scholarship is being launched from September 2016 - the Simon Noden-Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship.

Students that have been accepted on the course should apply for the scholarship in writing in order to be considered and must have a letter of support from a third party.

Merit will be given for the student's ability to undertake and complete the course; dedication to the aims of the course and personal circumstances.

The BMC Board of Directors will meet to consider all applications. The student will be informed in writing of the outcome of their application.

- **Where can I work when I graduate?**

Our students are extremely employable - past students have become Montessori teachers; started Montessori schools of their own; gone abroad to teach; gone abroad to nanny; become nannies in the UK; have volunteered in third world countries or put their Montessori knowledge to good use in their chosen profession. Please check our 'Jobs' page for current roles available.

- **Will I get help to find a job?**

There are always positions available in the local area and further afield. Some vacancies are available for students in training.

International students:

- **Where can I get guidance for obtaining a student visa?**

For International Student Visa Guidance please access the Home Office UK Border Agency website www.homeoffice.gov.uk

- **What is NARIC?**

NARIC offers a variety of services on the comparability of qualifications from overseas. They can provide a Statement of Comparability, which is an officially recognised document that states, in English, what your overseas qualifications equate to in the UK. Further information on the services provided by NARIC can be found on their website. www.naric.org.uk

- **What is IELTS and why do I need it?**

IELTS is the most widely accepted English language testing system and is required to assess if you will be able to fulfil the assessment criteria to complete the course if English is not your first language. For further information, including when and where you can take the test visit the website www.ielts.org.

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