MONTESSORI PROGRAMS - MA

Years to Complete the Program
The degree program must be completed within seven years, beginning with the first coursework in the program.

Transfer Credits
Recognizing Prior Montessori Training
In the AM² program, St. Kate's will grant students up to 15 graduate credits for training they have already completed for their Montessori teaching credential or diploma. Students who completed Montessori certification through a teacher education program accredited by MACTE (http://www.macte.org), have the opportunity to have their learning evaluated for St. Catherine University graduate credit. For infant/toddler, early childhood/primary or elementary credentials, up to 15 graduate credits will be granted.

Note: Upper elementary stand alone programs are not accredited by MACTE and cannot be granted credit through AM². Students who have any questions about MACTE accreditation are referred to MACTE.org (http://macte.org).

Progression Policy
In order to remain in good standing, students must fulfill the following:

- maintain an overall 3.0 grade point average.
- earn a grade of B– or better in each graduate course.
- successfully complete each assignment.
- adhere to the department’s criteria for professional/ethical behavior, integrity, honesty, personal behavior, respect for others and the Minnesota code of ethics for teachers.

Conditions for Probation
Students will be placed on probation for one term for any of the following reasons:

- lack of attendance and participation (90% attendance is required in the entire program).
- a grade lower than a B– earned in any course.
- overall GPA is less than 3.0.
- failure to fulfill the department’s criteria for professional/ethical behavior, integrity, honesty, personal behavior, respect for others or violations of the Minnesota code of ethics for teachers.
- violation of the institution’s policy on academic integrity (Note: St. Catherine expects all students and faculty to uphold the highest standards of academic integrity. Any act of academic dishonesty threatens the value of all scholastic endeavor.)
- violation of the institution’s policy on student conduct.

A student must complete the next segment of the program with grades of B– or better.

At the end of the probationary period the student may be removed from probation, placed on extended probation or suspended.

In addition, removal from probation will occur when the following program conditions have been met:

- Incomplete, F or other grades below B- converted to B- or better.

The Admissions and Retention Committee will identify the conditions of academic probation in writing. Failure to meet the written conditions for probation or to bring the grade point average to 3.0 by the end of the term on academic probation will result in automatic suspension from the program under ordinary circumstances.

Under extraordinary circumstances, students may petition in writing to repeat a course, but may not take the next courses in sequence unless the petition has been approved and the conditions for continuance agreed upon. Decisions regarding petitions will be made by the Admissions and Retention Committee.

Removal from Probation
A student must complete the next segment of the program with grades of B– or better. If the student does not qualify for removal from probation but shows significant improvement, the student may be placed on extended probation. At the end of the probationary period the student may be removed from probation, placed on extended probation or dismissed.

In addition, removal from probation will occur when the following program conditions have been met:

- Incomplete, F or other grades below B- converted to B- or better.

Removal from probation, which had been imposed for violations of the department’s criteria for professional/ethical behavior may require action by the Policies Committee or other University authority. In this case, removal from probation may not always be possible.

Conditions for Program Dismissal
Program dismissal will result as a consequence of the following:

- If conditions for removal from probation are not met

Violations of the department’s criteria for professional/ethical behavior, integrity, academic integrity, honesty, personal behavior, respect for others or violations of the Minnesota code of ethics (https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/8700/7500.html) for teachers will require special action by the Admissions and Retention Committee or other institutional authority.

Conditions for Readmission to the Program
A student who has discontinued program course work for any reason - academic disqualification or personal reasons - must contact the Office of Graduate Admission to complete the readmission process. Readmission to the program will occur when the following conditions have been met.

- Readmission has been approved by the program director and/or chair of the Education Department
- A reasonable study plan has been made and mutually agreed upon by the student and program director/chair/academic advisor

Readmission may not be possible after violation(s) of the department’s criteria for professional/ethical behavior, integrity, academic integrity, honesty, personal behavior, respect for others or violations of the Minnesota code of ethics (https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/arule/8700/7500.html) for teachers. Readmission will require special
action by the Admission and Retention Committee or other institutional authority.

**Master of Arts**
- Acknowledging Montessori for a Master’s Program (AM [http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/business-professional-studies/education/montessori/am2]) - MA
- Montessori - Primary or Elementary - MA (http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/business-professional-studies/education/montessori/maed-mont-diploma)

**Master of Arts - Initial Licensure**
- Elementary K-6 with Montessori Credential - MA (http://catalog.stkate.edu/graduate/business-professional-studies/education/montessori/initial-licensure)