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## EDUCATION

**2021**

AMI MONTESSORI  
ADMINISTRATOR CERTIFICATE

**2019**

AMI / NAMTA ORIENTATION TO  
ADOLESCENT STUDIES (12-18),  
HUNTSBURG, OHIO

**2018**

AMI ELEMENTARY (6-12)  
TEACHERS TRAINING,  
MONTESSORI INSTITUTE OF  
MILWAUKEE

**2011**

AMI PRIMARY (3- 6) TEACHERS  
TRAINING, MONTESSORI  
INSTITUTE OF SAN DIEGO

**2008**

LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE, CAÑADA  
COLLEGE, REDWOOD CITY,  
CALIFORNIA

**2007**

LIBERAL ARTS DEGREE, CAÑADA  
COLLEGE, REDWOOD CITY,  
CALIFORNIA

# RUCHIRA FERNANDO

WORLD-RENOWNED MONTESSORI EDUCATOR AND CONSULTANT

## CAREER OBJECTIVE

"THE ENVIRONMENT MUST BE RICH IN MOTIVES WHICH LEND INTEREST TO  
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-DR. MARIA MONTESSORI

## WORK EXPERIENCE

MERAKI CONSULTANCY GLOBAL 2025- PRESENT

2025

Delivering customised support to schools, educators, and families across diverse learning communities. Focused on streamlining educational programs, elevating instructional practices, and fostering inclusive, innovative learning environments.

Core Contributions:

- Collaborate with school leaders and teaching teams to implement effective instructional strategies and improve program design.
- Design and adapt curriculum to meet the needs of various learning styles and educational contexts.
- Provide hands-on guidance to parents navigating educational pathways and developmental milestones.
- Offer personalised consulting services tailored to institutional goals and community needs.

**AMI Lead Upper / Lower Elementary Teacher /  
Elementary Level Coordinator -**

2014 - 2024

Creo School Gilbert, AZ /Napa Montessori CA  
/Montessori de Terra Linda CA

**Interim-Elementary Director / Elementary Coordinator**

2020/21

Creo School Gilbert, AZ      Heartwood Montessori Mesa, AZ      2022 /23

- Create/open a brand new classroom. Buying/ordering and making materials, follow Montessori pedagogy to create systems, procedures for optimum outcomes for normalisation and independence.
- Give AMI Montessori lessons to children aged to 6+, manage classroom, lead group time in songs and cultural/science activities, hold parent education presentations, write progress reports, and parent meetings. Make materials and maintain the prepared environment. Coordinate, plan for holiday celebrations and graduation, coordinate Sleepover with other elementary leads, prepare/plan filed trips. Create end of the year science/book fairs, play performances or create STEM convention.
- Elementary Coordinator
- Developed and launched Creo Distance Learning (CDL) during COVID; collaborated with leadership to create the Elementary Code of Conduct.
- Planned and implemented activities, including community outings, volunteer opportunities, and field trips (e.g., American Heritage Festival, Elementary Sleepover).
- Strengthened community engagement by coordinating parent events like Coffee with the Director, educational nights, and volunteer initiatives.
- Supported lead teachers by breaking down long-term goals, providing tailored coaching, classroom observations, and feedback to foster professional growth.
- Guided assistant teachers in building strong partnerships with leads through recruitment, training, and ongoing mentorship.
- Analyzed program direction, created solution-driven strategies with the admin team, and enhanced communication between students, families, and staff.
- Oversaw systems and strategies for monthly projects, Going-Outs, Silent Journey, Going-Ins, and conference preparation support, ensuring smooth operations across all levels.

## REFERENCE

**Minh Tran**

DesignsByMinhTran.com

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## SKILLS

- Project Management
- Public Relations
- Teamwork
- Time Management
- Leadership
- Effective Communication
- Critical Thinking

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LEADERSHIP/TRAINING | PARENT  
EDUCATION | PUBLIC SPEAKING | TEAM  
COACHING | PRESENTATIONS / PROBLEM  
SOLVING | CONFLICT RESOLUTION |  
SCHOOL AND STUDENT NEEDS  
ASSESSMENT | CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT  
CREATIVE WRITING | BLOGS | SPORTS AND  
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM CURRICULUM

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**Junior Teacher / AMI Primary Lead teacher** 2011/12  
2012/14

LePort Montessori Irvine, CA  
San Tan Learning Center  
Gilbert, AZ

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- meetings. Make materials and maintain the prepared environment. Coordinate and plan for holiday celebrations and graduation, etc.
- Licensed for Music Together™ for all primary classrooms: Singing, use of small instruments, small/large body movements, vocal/tonal patterns. Educate adults via Music Together™ parent educational nights.
- Sports activity coordinator for primary and elementary children - introduced soccer, basketball, baseball and other athletics - provide the motor skills and hand-eye coordination development and vocabulary of sports terminology

**Co- Owner / Coordinator** 2008 /11  
You & I Montessori Redwood city, CA

- Led the establishment and development of a home-based Montessori school, including securing legal and regulatory requirements, and designing a learning environment aligned with Montessori principles.
- Co-designed the curriculum and developed educational programs tailored to the developmental needs of children, from [ages 3-6 years old, ensuring a balance of academic, social, and emotional growth.
- Collaborated with co-owners to create a sustainable business plan, managing finances, budgeting, and resource allocation to ensure the long-term viability and success of the school.
- Developed operational systems, including enrolment procedures, staff development, and ongoing professional training in Montessori philosophy.
- Cultivated relationships with parents through regular communication, parent education evenings, and feedback sessions to maintain strong partnerships and support student development.
- Implemented Montessori classroom management strategies to create an organised, prepared environment that fosters independent learning and student engagement.
- Managed day-to-day operations, ensuring smooth running of the school, including oversight of child safety protocols, scheduling, and educational activities.
- Monitored and evaluated the effectiveness of educational practices and made data-driven decisions to enhance student outcomes and teacher performance.



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## OTHER QUALIFICATIONS & EXPERIENCE

With a rich background in humanitarian work, education, and the arts, this professional brings extensive experience in volunteer coordination, program development, and community engagement across global and local contexts. From leading disaster recovery and rebuilding efforts with Rebuilding Peninsula Together and the Vanguard Foundation Tsunami Relief in Sri Lanka to supporting refugee integration with the International Rescue Committee, they have demonstrated strong leadership, communication, and logistical planning skills. A former national-level rugby player and award-winning team member, they bring discipline, teamwork, and resilience to every endeavor. Their early career in the performing arts as an actor and assistant producer enriched their creative and collaborative skill set. With formal Montessori training at the primary, elementary, and adolescent levels, alongside studies in liberal arts and mass communication, they are also skilled in consulting, classroom and organizational design, public speaking, and curriculum development. Bilingual and experienced in parent education and student needs assessment, they are a dynamic educator and coordinator committed to impactful, community-centered work.