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EDUCATION

<i>University of Colorado Denver and Health Sciences Center</i> PhD, Educational Leadership and Innovation	2012 Denver, Colorado
<i>University of Calcutta</i> Bachelor of Education, with Distinction	1982 Calcutta, India
<i>University of Jadavpur</i> M.A. English Literature, with Honors	1981 Calcutta, India
<i>University of Calcutta</i> B.A. English Literature, with Honors	1978 Calcutta, India

Professional Certification

<i>Colorado Department of Education</i> Coaching Credential	2017 Denver, Colorado
<i>Thinking Collaborative</i> Cognitive Coaching	2017 Denver, Colorado
<i>Teachstone</i> Pre-K CLASS Observer	2016 Charlottesville, VA.
<i>Colorado Department of Education</i> Advanced Early Childhood Trainer	2015 Denver, Colorado
<i>Colorado State Board for Community Colleges</i> Family Consumer & Early Childhood Services	2014 Denver, Colorado
<i>Myers Research Institute</i> Montessori-based Dementia Programming	2005 Cleveland, Ohio
<i>MACTE Commission</i> On-Site Evaluator Training	2005 Chicago, Illinois
<i>American Montessori Society</i> School Consultant Training	2004 Denver, Colorado
<i>Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS)</i> Colorado Early Childhood Professional Credential Level VI	2003 Denver, Colorado
<i>American Montessori Society</i> Early Childhood Education Diploma	1997 Boulder, Colorado

<i>London Montessori Center</i> Teacher Trainer Diploma, with Distinction	1996 London, England
<i>Montessori Centre International</i> Practical Examiner	1995 London, England
<i>State of Colorado</i> Directress, Large Child Care Center	1993 Denver, Colorado
<i>London Montessori Centre</i> Primary Teaching Diploma, with Distinction	1991 London, England
<i>London Montessori Centre</i> Nursery Teaching Diploma, with Merit	1988 London, England

EXPERIENCE

<i>Punum Bhatia Consulting, LLC</i>	2017 Denver, Colorado
❖ Founded a consultancy offering onsite visits, consultations and presentations to Montessori school worldwide.	
<i>Montessori Casa International Preschool, Executive Director</i>	2011 – Present Denver, Colorado
❖ Founded a Montessori lab school for 40 children from 1 to 6 years of age	
❖ Designed the school environment and bilingual curriculum	
❖ Trained all staff; managed daily operations	
❖ Responsible for long-term growth	
<i>Montessori Casa International, Teacher Trainer</i>	2004 – Present Denver, Colorado
❖ Founded a nonprofit Montessori teacher-training institute. Accredited by MACTE (Montessori Accreditation Council for Teacher Education), a division of the US Department of Education and a Title IV school.	
❖ Examined students in the practical and written exams.	
❖ Field supervisor for internship visits	
❖ Conducted workshops and seminars for professional development	
<i>Monarch Montessori, Executive Director</i>	2010 – 2011 Denver, Colorado
❖ Founded a Montessori school for 200 children from 6 weeks to 6 years of age	
❖ Designed school environment and curriculum	
❖ Trained all staff; managed daily operations and outreach	
❖ Responsible for long-term expansion and future development	
<i>Independent Consultant</i>	2008 – Present
❖ Advise Montessori preschools in classroom set-up; classroom management; teacher hire and training	
❖ Contracted schools include Mile High Montessori and Family Star Montessori	

Myers Research Institute, Trainer 2006 – Present

- ❖ Train individuals in Montessori-based dementia programming, an innovative method of working with older adults living with cognitive and/or physical impairments.

MACTE On-Site Evaluator 2005 - Present

- ❖ Evaluate Montessori teacher training programs seeking accreditation with Montessori Accreditation Council of Teacher Education (a division of the U.S. Department of Education).

AMS School Consultant 2004 - Present

- ❖ Help Montessori schools define opportunities for continued improvement and growth as well as assist schools in identifying goals and potential areas for growth.

Workshop Coordinator, USA 2003 - Present

- ❖ Plan, organize and conduct workshops on behalf of Montessori Centre International, London for its distance-learning students. The workshops include topics such as Creativity, Culture and Literacy and run for duration of a week each.

Montessori Centre International, Practical Examiner 1995 – 2010
London, England

- ❖ Conducted practical examinations on behalf of MCI London
- ❖ Locations of examinations include Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia, Philippines, India, Colorado, South Carolina and Iowa.

London Montessori Centre, Teacher Trainer 1994 - 1999
Jakarta, Indonesia

- ❖ Founded a teacher training center and trained preschool teachers in the Montessori Method

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2017). Language Immersion at Montessori Casa International. *"Tomorrow's Child"*, September 2017, 20-23.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2017). Raphael's Madonna della Seggiola. *"Montessori Leadership"*, 19 (2), p. 28-29.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2017). Van Gogh's Bedroom. *"Tomorrow's Child"*, May 2017, 30-31.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2017). Anne Frank: A Montessori child. *"Montessori Leadership"*, 19 (1), p. 6-7.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2017). "Freedom within limits: A Montessori upbringing." *Tomorrow's Child*, January 2017, 28-29.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2016). "Montessori in Action: Third Year Montessori and Normalization." *Tomorrow's Child*, July 2016.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2016). "The third factor in education: The prepared environment." *Montessori Leadership*, 18 (2), 16-18.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2016). "The 3-Hour Uninterrupted Work Cycle." *Tomorrow's Child*, 24 (2), 24-25.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2015). "She was ours: Maria Montessori's Barcelona Years (1916-1936)." *Montessori Leadership*, 17 (3), 21-22.

- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2015). “The light of India: A twinkle in the eye”. *Montessori Leadership*, 17 (2), 4-8.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2015). “The inspired child”. *Montessori Leadership*, 17 (1), 21-26)
- ❖ Bhatia, P., Davis, A., Shamas-Brandt, E. (2015). Educational gymnastics: The effectiveness of Montessori practical life activities in developing fine motor skills in kindergartners. *Early Education and Development*, 26 (4), 594-607. DOI: 10.1080/10409289.2015.995454
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2014). *Mind over matter: Contributing factors to self-efficacy in Montessori teachers*. Saarbrucken: Lambert Publishing
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2014). Mind over matter: Contributing factors to self-efficacy in Montessori teachers. *National Teacher Education Journal*, 7 (3), 37-44.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (November 2008). The Power of Play. (Review of the book *The Power of Play* by David Elkind, PhD.)
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (January 2006). “Flowers for my teacher”. *Montessori International Magazine*

BOOKS

- ❖ Bhatia, P. & Mock, J., (2017). *The Inspired Child: Art appreciation in the Montessori classroom*. Denver: Montessori Casa International.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2016). *A Montessori Workbook (Volume 1)*. Denver: Montessori Casa International.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2016). *A Montessori Workbook (Volume 2)*. Denver: Montessori Casa International.
- ❖ Bhatia, P., (2016). *A Montessori Workbook (Volume 3)*. Denver: Montessori Casa International.

AWARDS

- ❖ American Montessori Society 2014 Outstanding Dissertation Award First Place: “Mind Over Matter: Contributing Factors to Self-Efficacy in Montessori Teachers.”