

Mediation Certificate

Frequently Asked Questions



About the program

What is a graduate certificate program?

A certificate of completion is a credential documenting that you completed intensive study on a specific subject. The mediation program is graduate level, meaning the courses are intellectually rigorous and provide a strong theoretical and intellectual foundation along with practical skills and experiential learning. The courses include reading, research, and demonstration of knowledge and understanding.

Should I take the courses for credit?

If you wish to receive the graduate certificate of completion you must take the classes for credit. Auditing courses is a good option for students who want to satisfy the industry standard 40-hour basic class (see below) or who want professional development without the academic requirements. The tuition is the same, but you are not responsible for assignments.

Becoming a mediator

After the fundamentals class can I be a mediator?

The State of Colorado does not regulate who can call themselves a mediator. However, the foundation class satisfies the industry standard of 40 hours of classroom time. To be recognized by many professional organizations students also need to document a certain number of practice hours (see below). Continuing education is also a professional expectation. For more information visit the [Colorado Council of Mediators and Mediation Organizations](#) website.

Does the program help with practice hours?

Currently the program does not place students or guarantee practice hours. We will provide ideas and contact information for ways that new mediators can get practice hours in Colorado. The professional recommendation is a minimum of 60 hours of mediation in ten or more different mediation cases.

As a CSU employee, can I use my study privileges?

Yes, although the CSU study privilege works differently for OnlinePlus classes. For more information, visit the [Faculty/Staff Study Privilege page](#).

Two important things to remember:

- Employees who use their study privilege to take an OnlinePlus course should use the form found on the OnlinePlus website. The completed form should be sent to OnlinePlus **not** the registrar's office. The appropriate address is listed on the website and on the form.
- The study privilege pays for tuition according to RI (on-campus) rates. Since OnlinePlus tuition is higher than RI rates, you are responsible for the difference. The website shows the tuition rate differences.

Alumni

Networking opportunities and professional organizations

- Association for Conflict Resolution <http://www.acrnet.org/>
- Beyond Intractability <http://www.beyondintractability.org/>
- Colorado Council of Mediators and Mediation Organizations <http://www.coloradomediation.org/>
- Colorado Office of Dispute Resolution <http://www.courts.state.co.us/Administration/Unit.cfm/Unit/odr>
- International Institution for Conflict Prevention and Resolution <http://www.cpradr.org/>
- Mediate.com
- Mediators Beyond Borders (Colorado Chapter forming) <http://www.mediatorsbeyondborders.org/>
- National Association for Community Mediation <http://www.nafcm.org/>