General Information

Location: Pyle Center, 702 Langdon St, Madison, WI.

Times: Registration, 8-8:30am on Wednesday, Oct 29; Wednesday and Thursday sessions, 8:30am-4:30pm with a one-hour lunch break; Friday sessions, 8:30am-2:30pm with a 45-minute lunch break.

Fee: $995 includes instruction, materials, CEUs, refreshments, and a $20 nonrefundable administrative fee. $500 deposit required with balance paid in full by first day of program. Lunches are on your own at any of the many restaurants near the Pyle Center.

Registration deadline: To ensure your place, please register as early as possible. If you do not receive a confirmation letter before the program, call 608-262-2451 or 800-725-9692.

Accommodations: Please make your own travel and lodging arrangements. Maps and information on lodging and parking are sent with your registration confirmation. A block of rooms is available at Lowell Center, 610 Langdon St (one block from Pyle Center); rates are $89/single, $101/double. To make reservations call 608-256-2621 and use group code: DIVORFAM. The rooms will be released to others four weeks before the program dates. Lodging costs are not included in the program fee.

40 hours of professional continuing education = 4.0 Continuing Education Units.

Attorneys: approved for 46 CLE/2 EPR/43 GALm/43 GALf hours through the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners. Counselors: UW-Madison Continuing Studies is an NBCCC Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) #5990 and may offer NBCCC-approved clock hours for events that meet NBCCC requirements. The ACEP solely is responsible for all aspects of the program. Educators: this program may qualify towards your Professional Development Plans. Social Workers: UW-Madison Continuing Studies (provider #1042) is approved as a provider for social work continuing education by the Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) aswb.org, through the Approved Continuing Education ACE) program. UW-Madison Continuing Studies maintains responsibility for the program. ASWB Approval Period: 4/27/2013-4/27/2016. Social workers should contact their regulatory board to determine course approval. Social workers participating in this course will receive 40 continuing education clock hours. WI, IA, IL, MI, and MN Boards of Social Work recognize ACE programs. WI Psychologists, Marriage and Family Therapists: qualifies as an accredited university continuing education course relevant to professional practice. WI Substance Abuse Counselors: qualifies as a continuing education course consisting of relevant subject matter taught by qualified presenters. Other professions: completion of this program qualifies for 40 continuing education hours. Contact your own board or organization for continuing education requirements.

If you have a disability and desire accommodations, please advise us when you register. Requests are confidential. Programs offered by UW-Madison in cooperation with UW-Extension, DCS-MAC-10277-7/14

Divorce and Family Mediation Training

Basic training for mediating divorce and family-related cases

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• Fulfill Wisconsin Chapter 767 requirements
• Match the 40-hour professional standard for mediators
• Earn valuable Wisconsin CLE hours
• Expand your professional and personal skill set
• Practice techniques that you can use every day

“Great combination of lecture, discussion, role plays, video, etc. to keep it interesting.”
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40-hour basic training in divorce and family mediation skills
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This 40-hour program provides comprehensive, in-depth training in a comfortable and supportive learning environment. It is designed to meet both:
• the 25-hour mediation training required by Wisconsin Chapter 767 to be considered a qualified mediator for divorce and child custody/placement cases; and
• the nationally recognized 40-hour standard.

Developed and taught by Perri Mayes, JD, an experienced dispute resolution professional, the training offers a combination of lecture, demonstration, and role play to help prepare you for the practice of mediation. Mayes is well known as an inspiring, thorough, and supportive trainer.

The training includes ample time to practice skills as you are learning them.

Why mediate?

Mediation is a unique approach to helping people or systems in conflict. Rather than advocating for one side or the other, the mediator guides the parties toward consensual agreements and resolution.

Who qualifies for mediation training?

Mediation draws people from a wide variety of professions: education, human service, mental health, clergy, business, and law, among others. Their unique experiences and perspectives make for lively discussions and a rich learning environment. Whether you’re looking for mediation training to expand your professional career opportunities or to enhance your existing skill set, mediation skills are invaluable in both your professional and personal life.

The training covers these topics:

Mediation approach
• Mediation principles and models
• Mediator roles and influences

Mediation process
• Setting the stage, beginning a mediation
• Listening, questioning, framing issues, setting an agenda, generating options, building agreement
• Writing an agreement

Divorce/separation mediation
• Court process
• Working with attorneys and outside experts

Parenting issues in divorce
• Custody and placement
• Parenting plans

Financial issues in divorce
• Property division
• Financial responsibility

Other
• Ethics and standards
• Domestic violence
• Building a practice
• Professional resources and more.

Your instructor

Perri Mayes (JD, Drake University) is a dispute resolution professional based in Milwaukee. Her practice includes mediation, arbitration, and program design and administration. Her experience includes serving as a family court mediation program administrator. Mayes taught mediation for many years for UW-Milwaukee’s Graduate Certificate in Mediation and Negotiation program. She is a past president of both the Association for Conflict Resolution (ACR) and the Wisconsin Association of Mediators (WAM), and received WAM’s 2012 Distinguished Service Award honoring outstanding dedication to the field.

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