General Information

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

Times: Registration 8-8:30am on Wednesday, April 20; Wednesday and Thursday sessions, 8:30am-4:30pm with an hour lunch break; Friday sessions, 8:30am-2:30pm with a 45-minute lunch break.

Fee: $1,095 before March 21; $1,295 after March 21. $500 deposit required at registration; balance due by April 20. Fee includes instruction, materials, CEUs, refreshments, and a $25 nonrefundable administrative fee. 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. To register call 608-262-2451 or online at: continuingstudies.wisc.edu/mediation.

Cancellation policy: Program—In the event of bad weather or other emergencies, call 608-263-4432 or visit continuingstudies.wisc.edu/policies.html to learn whether a Continuing Studies program or class has been cancelled. Participant—If you are unable to attend or arrange for a substitute, you may obtain a refund minus the $25 administrative fee by contacting our registration department at least three business days before the program. If you cancel three business days or fewer before the program, or do not attend, you are responsible for the entire fee. To cancel or arrange for a substitute, please call 800-725-9692.

Accommodations: Please make your own travel and lodging arrangements. Blocks of rooms are available at Lowell Center, 610 Langdon St, Madison. To make reservations call 608-256-2621. The rooms will be released to others four weeks before the program dates. Lodging costs are not included in the program fee. Visit conferencing.uwex.edu/lodging.cfm for more information.

Continuing Education Hours Approval and Verification

40 hours of professional continuing education = 4.0 Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Participants receive verification of attendance at end of program. UW-Madison Division of Continuing Studies is an acceptable continuing education provider for the following:

Attorneys: approved for 46 CLE/3 EPR/36 GALm/36GALf hours through the Wisconsin Board of Bar Examiners. American Psychological Association: UW-Madison Division of Continuing Studies is approved by the American Psychological Association to sponsor continuing education for psychologists. UW-Madison Division of Continuing Studies maintains responsibility for the program and its content. 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 Division 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. WI, IA, IL, MI, and MN Boards of Social Work recognize ACE programs. Counselors: UW-Madison Division of Continuing Studies is a National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC) Approved Continuing Education Provider (ACEP) #5990 and may offer NBCC approved clock hours for events that meet NBCC requirements. The ACEP solely is responsible for all aspects of the program. WI 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. Educators: this program may qualify towards your Professional Development Plans (PDPs). Other professions: Contact your own board or organization for specific continuing education requirements.

Divorce and Family Mediation Training

Basic training for mediating divorce and family-related cases

April 20-22 and May 11-13, 2016
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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
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Attendance at all six days of the program is required to complete the training

This 40-hour program provides comprehensive, in-depth training in a comfortable and supportive learning environment. It is designed to meet:

- the 25-hour mediation training required by Wisconsin Chapter 767 to be considered a qualified mediator of divorce and child custody/placement cases; and
- the recognized 40-hour professional 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 prepare you for the practice of mediation. Mayes, who is the director and instructor for the University of Wisconsin Law School Mediation Clinic, is well known as an inspiring, thorough, and supportive trainer. The training includes ample time to practice skills as you learn 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. The 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:

- Mediation approach
  » Mediation principles and models
  » Mediator roles and influences
- Mediation process
  » Setting the stage and beginning a mediation
  » Listening, questioning, framing issues, setting an agenda, generating options, and 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

At the end of the training you will be able to:

- Demonstrate the mediation process and role of the mediator.
- List the steps needed to conduct mediation.
- Distinguish effective listening and communication skills that enhance the mediation process.
- Describe the impact of divorce on children and mediating parenting plans.
- Respond to mediation challenges such as difficult behaviors, impasse, and power imbalances.
- Recognize the impact of domestic violence on children and the mediation process.
- Summarize mediation standards of practice and mediation ethics.
- Identify what is needed to build a mediation practice.

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 administrator. Currently she is the director and instructor at the Mediation Clinic at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She is 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 her outstanding dedication to the field.

Questions?

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