Questions & Answers

Family Mediation Certificate

What can I expect from this course?

Course Description:

Students will learn to develop a comprehensive understanding of family law utilizing the Family Law Rules and federal and provincial legislation. Students will construct a comprehensive understanding of family mediation as a cooperative approach to resolving a variety of family disputes including developing basic skills and intervention techniques. The students will gain a strong understanding of the psychological impact of separation and divorce on children and adults and how it may connect to Domestic Violence issues as they relate to mediation. A thorough understanding of family law and the family mediation process including custody, access and child and spousal support issues will be highlighted while developing intervention strategies for dealing with impasses, emotion and anger. An introduction to property rights and calculation of net family property equalization, including division of property and excluded property will be covered. Students will compose Net Family Property Worksheets and Net Family Property Statements using DivorceMate software from a case scenario perspective. Student will review all aspects of family law, including but not limited to Domestic Contracts, Orders, enforcement, Conferences and variation of Orders applying the applicable legislation.

Upon successful completion of the course, the students will have met the required skills and knowledge for employment possibilities family mediator.

This education also provides the basis for a career as a Family Arbitrator, Parenting Co-ordinator, Child Protection Mediator Family Group Decision Making Co-ordinator.

(Please note: additional courses would be necessary for the aforementioned roles.)

Many child and youth workers, social workers, therapists and Law Clerks, lawyers/paralegals also study family mediation to assist them in working with clients.

What are the entrance requirements/recommendations for the Advanced Court Transcription course?

- Proof of completed college diploma or university degree.
- Or, equivalent work experience to be reviewed by committee (includes relatable professional career portfolio, current résumé and letter of intent)
- Comfortable with the English language (both written and verbal)

Is this training approved?

- This training is approved through both the Ontario Association for Family Mediation (OAFM) and the Alternative Dispute Institute of Ontario (ADRIO) and meets the educational requirements of the AccFM designation.
Do I require to mentor someone or have placement?

Students who are interested in obtaining the AccFM designation through the Ontario Association for Family Mediation (OAFM) and/or the Cert. F. Med. designation through the Alternative Dispute Resolution Institute of Ontario (ADRIIO), must complete a 100 hours of internship time with an accredited Family Mediator. This can range from $2,000 to $3,000.

OAFM requirements: [https://www.oafm.on.ca/membership/accfm-requirements](https://www.oafm.on.ca/membership/accfm-requirements)

ADRIIO requirements: [http://www.adrontario.ca/resources/CertFMedCriteriaDec102014.pdf](http://www.adrontario.ca/resources/CertFMedCriteriaDec102014.pdf)

Where does the course(s) taking place i.e. which campuses?

- It is offered at our Oshawa Campus
  - 2000 Simcoe Street North
    Oshawa, Ontario L1H 7K4
    T: 905.721.2000
    F: 905.721.3113
  - Get driving directions with Google maps
  - Oshawa campus parking map

How long is the course?

- The course runs for approximately 14 weeks

What day(s) and times does the course run?

- The course runs Tuesdays (6:00 pm to 9:00 pm) and Saturdays (9:00 am to 5:00 pm). Set schedule is set on the web page.

What are the materials/software I require to for this course?

- Word, pdf, PowerPoint. All printed materials for Family Mediation 1 and 2 will be provided via DC Connect. Students will have access to DivorceMate at the college.

What is the student vs. teacher ratio?

- 15 students to 1 professor

Is there an online course available?

- Unfortunately the curriculum is not suitable for an online delivery

Must I attend each class per week?

- Attendance and participation in class and for online learning will be taken weekly by professor. Students **must attend every class** and participate online if directed and complete all necessary
tasks in the time period given in each weekly session. Students will not be eligible to continue should a class be missed.

What is the cost of the course?
- $3,500 (+ HST)

Are there any additional costs, i.e. textbooks?
- There are no textbooks to purchase for Family Mediation 1 and 2. The textbook for Family Law is approximately $100. Required to purchase is Family Law Practice and Procedure 4th Edition (JoAnn Kurtz). Students will be provided a DivorceMate reference guide. There will be no cost to the students for this reference guide.

How do I receive my assignments and view marks?

Link to DC Connect- https://durhamcollege.desire2learn.com/
- DC Connect is the name of Durham College’s online course learning management system. DC Connect is the online tool used by faculty and students to develop and deliver course news, content, grades, and feedback to students. Students typically use DC Connect to download course content, check grades and feedback, and communicate with their instructors and peers. Training and help documentation can be found by visiting the C.A.F.E. Web site. http://cafe.durhamcollege.ca/index.php/learning-technology/dc-connect
- It is mandatory that all registered students set themselves up through DC Connect prior to begin of the first class.
- Please watch how to use DC Connect: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GmlC4LBw2xU&feature=youtu.be
- Login I.D.: Banner/Student I.D. # (i.e., 100123456 found on your payment/receipt)
- Password for MyCampus & DC Connect password (default birthdate or postal code)
- Accessed At: https://durhamcollege.desire2learn.com/

If I have problems with accessing DC Connect or the college system what do I do?

- Please contact the IT Service Desk at ext. 3333 and follow the prompts. Alternatively, you can send an e-mail to the IT Service Desk at servicedesk@dc-uoit.ca outlining your request. This e-mail address will be used for all requests going forward. You will receive a message acknowledging the request and the assigned request case number for follow up purposes.
- IT Service Desk Hours
  - Monday to Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday to Sunday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Support Process – Telephone
  - Dial 905.721.2000, ext. 3333 Press 1 - IT Service Desk - general troubleshooting, log-in difficulties or password changes Press 2 - Media Services - overheads, flipchart usage or presenter issues Press 3 - Facilities Services - changes to room temperature and waste
collection Press 4 - Classroom Hotline - printer issues, paper refills or jams, and Internet access issues during lectures

- For additional information on the many different Information Technology Services (ITS) resources available to support the academic success and the overall student experience, click on IT Service Desk Tips located in your welcome package.

Where do I park in order to attend class?

- At Durham College, we pride ourselves on providing adequate, safe and well-maintained parking facilities for students. Over the past few years, significant effort has gone into enhancing our parking facilities and systems. New lots have been created and we have refurbished many of our existing lots. There are a number of different parking fees based on individual needs. All students are required to pay for parking however the gates may be up during night classes or there is a reduced rate. Durham Region Transit and the GO bus both stop at the front door of the Oshawa Campus.

What mark must I achieve in order to pass this course?

- 70%

What is the process to register after I pass the course?

- Students will be provided with three Certificates, 63 hours of Family Mediation, 21 hours of Domestic Violence and 33 hours of Family Law which can be used as proof of completion of the education required for the OAFM Accredited Family Mediator designation and/or the ADRIO Certified Family Mediator Accreditation.

What if I fail the course, is there a rewrite?

- There will be no re-writes

If I wish to withdraw from the course how is this done?


- Please see below for details on Centre for Integrated Justice Studies (CIJS) course cancellation and withdrawal policies.
  o If the CIJS deems it necessary to cancel a course, a full refund will be issued.
  o Withdrawals received 30 days prior to the seminar start will be issued a full refund.
  o Withdrawals received less than 30 days prior to the seminar start will be issued a full refund, minus a $75 administration fee.
  o Withdrawals received less than seven days prior to the seminar start will be refunded 50% of the seminar fee.
  o No refund will be given once the course begins.
  o Complete the form and email it to trevor.greenall@durhamcollege.ca.
- All refunds will be issued by cheque. Please allow three to four weeks for your cheque to arrive.
- Download the CIJS Request to Withdraw form from the link above.