Professional Development
Nationally Accredited Mediator Training Program

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About

The College of Law is a registered training provider of mediation training programs, compliant with the current National Mediator Accreditation Scheme (NMAS).

Our Nationally Accredited Mediation Program, and subsequent National Mediation Assessment, are required for completion when seeking accreditation.

The Nationally Accredited Mediator Training Program can be completed on its own, or in conjunction with the National Mediation Assessment. Both the Nationally Accredited Mediator Training Program and National Mediation Assessment must be successfully completed to obtain accreditation, under the NMAS.

Why choose The College of Law?

Our faculty of trainers and coaches include the most highly regarded mediation professionals in Australia and Asia.

Since our programs 2014 implementation, we have educated over 300 mediation professionals.

Delivery

To satisfy the NMAS requirements a mediation training course must be a minimum of 38 hours. The Nationally Accredited Mediator Training Program is comprised of four days of intensive workshop, together with on-line preparatory reading.

In the workshop, attendees will build on the knowledge gained from the online material, by developing mediation skills through role-play and practice, under the supervision and guidance of accredited mediation professionals.

The National Mediation Assessment is comprised of 1.5 days of intensive assessment, together with online preparatory material.

You will be assessed on your ability to mediate a common dispute, in one role-play.

Prior to the assessment, you will revisit the fundamentals of mediation theory with your facilitator, and have the opportunity to ask any last minute questions.

Dates

2019 Sydney Dates

Training program: 6-9 February 2019
Assessment: 1-2 March 2019

Training program: 15-18 May 2019
Assessment: 31 May-1 June 2019

Assessment: 16-17 August 2019

Training program: 11-14 September 2019
Assessment: 27-28 September 2019

Training program: 30 October-2 November 2019
Assessment: 15-16 November 2019

Location: The College of Law, 2 Chandos Street, St Leonards, NSW 2065

2019 Brisbane Dates

Training program: 20-23 March 2019
Assessment: 12-13 April 2019

Training program: 30 October-2 November 2019
Assessment: 14-15 November 2019

Location: The College of Law, Level 5, Wesley House 140 Ann Street, Brisbane, QLD 4000

Pricing

NSW and QLD

Training program
Non-member: $2690
Law Society Member/College of Law alumni: $2421

Assessment
Non-member: $1100
Law Society Member/College of Law alumni: $990

Registration

Spaces are strictly limited so secure your spot for your preferred dates today to avoid disappointment.

Register online at www.collaw.edu.au/mediation or call 02 9965 7111.
Meet our trainers

Linda Kochanski, Practice Leader, Dispute Resolution, The College of Law
Linda Kochanski has been admitted as a Solicitor in Queensland since 1986, initially specialising in Family and Criminal Law. She gained extensive experience in various areas of law but discovered a particular interest in family law and mediation.
Linda subsequently worked for Relationships Australia in various roles including Branch Manager, Coordinator of Mediation and Senior Consultant in Mediation. She has practised in all forms of relationship mediation. Linda continues to practice mediation and is a member of Bond University’s Dispute Resolution Centre.

Bianca Keys, NMAS Mediator, Trainer, Facilitator
Bianca Keys is a highly experienced Mediator, Facilitator, Trainer and Conflict Management Coach. She is currently a Director on the Mediator Standards Board and operates her own consultancy, specialising in conflict resolution for commercial, workplace and healthcare disputes.
In addition, Bianca has diverse experience designing and implementing industry dispute resolution schemes. She has worked with Federal Government and Industry in the design and management of processes for the Australian franchising, horticulture, retail, petroleum, film exhibition, wine making and strata management industries.

Nicole Ash, Principal Mediator, Bespoke Dispute Management and Co-founder, Resolution Space
Nicole is an experienced Mediator, Facilitator and Trainer. She currently runs a Mediation and Facilitation Practice that focuses on conflict resolution in areas she is passionate about: workplace, family and clinical conflict. She also provides training in mediation and communication.
Prior to becoming an accredited mediator and Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Nicole’s experience included: working as a doctor, health service planning and policy and hospital management. Nicole has worked in government and private roles, with large and small organisations, as well as working closely with individuals.

Helen Jarvis, Registered FDRP, NMAS Accreditation
Helen supports individuals and organisations to have the difficult conversations that often accompany the stress and conflict typically experienced during periods of change. She began her career as a change management consultant and now works in private practice as a Nationally Accredited Mediator (mediating workplace, family and community disputes). Helen is also a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, Child Consultant, Facilitator of Restorative Engagement processes, and Clinical Supervisor in private practice. Helen is a trainer and coach for the National Mediator Training Program and the Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution for College of Law and Relationships Australia. Helen also developed and delivers workshops in Mediating Workplace Disputes, Family Law Property Mediation, Conflict Resolution Skills, Performance Management, Negotiation Skills, and the Accidental Counsellor skill set.

What is a mediator?
“Mediators do not advise upon, evaluate or determine disputes. They assist in managing the process of dispute and conflict resolution whereby the participants agree upon the outcomes, when appropriate. Mediation is essentially a process that maximises the self-determination of the participants. The principle of self-determination requires that mediation processes be non-directive as to content.” – Practice Standards March 2012

Who should register?
Individuals who are keen to add mediation to their professional skill set. Those involved in advising clients, managing staff, facilitating planning and decision-making or in handling disputes in commercial, government, and/or not-for-profit or community sectors. Nationally Accredited Mediators generally include lawyers, managers, human resource personnel, industrial relations experts, healthcare practitioners, educators, counselors, coaches, conciliators and community engagement professionals.
Customised in-house mediation training

The College of Law offers customised in-house mediation training compliant with the current National Mediation Accreditation Scheme (NMAS), to organisations across Australia and internationally.

Our dedicated team of expert mediation professionals can bring our mediation courses direct to your organisation, tailored to your professional needs. Whether you are after structured mediation training culminating in NMAS accreditation, or simply to offer your staff training in mediation skills, we will devise a program relevant to your organisation.

For further information, or to discuss your tailored mediation program, please contact The College of Law on 02 9965 7111, or e-mail Jeffrey Roth at jroth@collaw.edu.au.

Testimonials

"It was great! Very informative, and a comfortable, fun space"  
"Fantastic presentation of content and good layout. Great facilitators, thank you."

"I really enjoyed the role-plays. Great learning experience. Facilitator's knowledge was invaluable and they were very generous with sharing their time and knowledge. The course was excellent"

FAQ’s

Q: How do I become a Nationally Accredited Mediator?
A: Under the current National Mediator Accreditation Scheme (NMAS), you must first complete a NMAS recognised mediation training program, and following this, successfully complete a NMAS recognised mediation assessment.

Once you have received your completion certificate and documents from your training provider, you can then select a recognised mediator accreditation body (RMAB) to register yourself with. A full list of RMAB’s can be found at https://msb.org.au/msb-member-list.

Q: How long do I have to complete a National Mediation Assessment after completing a Nationally Accredited Mediator Training Program?
A: Two years from the date of your mediation training, although we recommend completing an assessment within three months of your training program

Q: How long do I have to accredit myself with a RMAB after successful completion of a National Mediation Assessment?
A: 6 months from the date of your mediation assessment

Q: Is the College of Law a recognised mediator accreditation body (RMAB)?
A: No, The College of Law is not a RMAB. The College of Law is registered only as a mediation training provider under the NMAS.

Q: How will I get a job as a mediator once I am NMAS accredited?
A: Once you are NMAS accredited with a registered RMAB, you will be listed on the Mediation Standards Board National Register (https://msb.org.au/mediators). You will then be able to promote yourself as a NMAS accredited mediator, and the public will be able to verify your accreditation by referring to the National Register.

Can I claim CPD units?

The Nationally Accredited Mediator Training Program is comprised of 38 hours of blended online and face-to-face learning, which may enable you to satisfy 10 CPD units.

The National Mediation Assessment is comprised of 9 hours of blended online and face-to-face learning, which may also enable you to satisfy CPD units.

We recommend contacting your local Law Society to confirm.