

Sponsoring Organization

The Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center (Central Texas DRC) is a non-profit organization located in San Marcos Texas that provides mediation services and training for individuals and organizations in Hays, Guadalupe, Comal, and Caldwell Counties.

Course Design

The course is designed to provide trained mediators with the necessary additional training and skills to serve as neutral, third-party mediators in divorce or child custody disputes involving property division and/or parent-child relationships, conservatorship and visitation.

The course is designed to be highly interactive. It includes lectures and role-plays. Students will be expected to actively participate in all discussions, role-plays, and exercises. Instructors may also assign brief homework assignments to facilitate student learning.

Suggested Students

Mediators who want to become Family Mediators in the state of Texas; attorneys; social workers and counselors.

Course Content

The course will cover topics such as: Family Dynamics, Child Development, Family Violence, Parentage and Suits Affecting Parent-Child Relationship (SAPCR), Dissolution of Marriage, Conservatorship, Parental Rights and Duties, Parental Access and Visitation, Child and Spousal Support, Division of Property, Communication Skills, Ethics and the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

Features and Benefits

- Employs a practical approach that allows each trainee to participate in mediation role-plays and skill development exercises.
- Taught by experienced Family attorneys and subject matter specialists.
- Realistic role-plays give students opportunity to practice skills under mentorship of experienced mediators.
- Successful completion of the course entitles participants to apply to mediate at the Central Texas Dispute Resolution Center.
- Located in a conveniently accessible area that affords shopping, dining, and recreational activities.

- Reasonable and efficient course schedule.

Educational Standards and Credits

This program meets the standards of the Texas Alternative Dispute Resolution Procedures Act (“Texas ADR Act”), the Texas Mediation Trainers’ Roundtable, the Texas Mediator Credentialing Association, and the Association of Attorney-Mediators.

MCLE Credits have been approved for attorneys, including ethics credits. CEU Credits are available to social workers and mental health professionals.

Course Attendance and Requirements

Each student must attend all 30 hours of instruction to qualify for the Certificate of Completion and to satisfy state of Texas training requirements. In the event of an emergency, Students who miss any part of the instruction may arrange to make up the missed topics at the next CTDRC course offering, usually within one year from this course.

Register at www.centexdrc.org or call the Central Texas DRC Office at 512-878-0382 for more information.