

CERTIFIED FAMILY MEDIATOR (Cert.F.Med) CRITERIA

I. BACKGROUND AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Professional Education: A university degree or FMC Designation
2. Family Mediation Training:
 - a) 20 hour conflict resolution theory and skills (pre-requisite to family course)
 - b) 40 hours of family mediation theory and skills;
 - c) 21 hours training in domestic violence (DV) (can be 2 days + 1 or 3 days together).
 - d) 30 hours of Family Law for non family lawyers
 - e) [Note – in the future there will be a 30 hour Family Relations requirement for lawyers, but this has not been finalized at this time}
3. Completion of ADRIO's Practical Ethics for Working Mediators.

II. PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Mediate 5 family cases to a point of agreement under supervision (100 hours) by an Accredited or Certified Family Mediator.

Mediate 5 family cases to point of agreement on one's own.

III. SKILLS

- a) a one-page biography, including relevant education and experience
- b) Three (3) reference letters, including from the Accredited or Certified Family Mediation Supervisor (s) and from referral sources or trained mediation colleagues attesting to the candidate's competence, experience and any contributions to the field of mediation

IV. PLEDGE

Commit to abide by the ADR Institute's Code of Ethics and Code of Conduct.

V. CONTINUING EDUCATION

Undertake 10 hours of continuing education each year relevant to family mediation.

VI. INSURANCE

Maintain professional liability insurance for a minimum of \$1,000,000 for the practice of mediation.

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VII. MEMBERSHIP

Must be a member in good-standing of ADR Institute of Ontario and ADR Institute of Canada, Inc.

VIII. FEES PAYABLE TO ADRIO

- a) Application filing fee \$300.00 plus HST
- b) Annual Cert.F.Med Renewal Fee \$50.00 plus HST
- c) Annual ADRIO Membership Fee \$283.00 plus HST