

ADVANCED FAMILY MEDIATION

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Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies

Mediation and Conflict Resolution Program

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

This workshop considers the more challenging aspects of resolving family conflict.

Building on the basic model of mediation the course will focus on the application of contemporary research and practice and in particular consider:

- The concepts of child focused and child inclusive practice
- The management of power and the balancing of more extreme forms of power imbalance
- The conduct of dispute resolution processes in highly charged environments
- The provision of mediation within the principles and requirements of the Family Law Act.
- The resolution of multiparty parenting disputes
- The resolution of property disputes.

The aim of the workshop is to provide participants with the requisite skills and knowledge associated with the work of a family dispute resolution practitioner. Current best practice requires a solid understanding of the concepts of dispute resolution, family dynamics, the family law and the management of power imbalances.

DATES AND LOCATIONS 2009

Brisbane	10-13 March
Melbourne	31 August - 3 September

TIME

From 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

COST

Professional development participants: \$1800 includes GST. We offer a discount for a minimum group of three from the same organisation.

Postgraduate students please go to: <http://www.uq.edu.au/acpacs/academic-programs>

MEDIATION AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAM

The Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies (ACPACS) presents a range of innovative courses in Mediation, Negotiation and Conflict Resolution in Melbourne and Brisbane. Our workshops are designed to meet the needs of people with no prior experience in conflict resolution, as well as experienced practitioners seeking advanced skills and specialisation.

Presented by world class trainers, each ACPACS workshop is self-contained, and includes all the materials and resources required. By ensuring a flexible format, workshops provide participants with great learning choices.

Completion of ACPACS workshops may lead to postgraduate qualifications in a:

- Graduate Certificate of Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Graduate Diploma of Mediation and Conflict Resolution
- Master of Mediation and Conflict Resolution

Our courses may also provide credit towards other degrees and CPD points for a number of professional organisations.

This course provides students with the opportunity to complete part of the compulsory competencies of the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner.





PRESENTER JON GRAHAM

Jon Graham has developed an expertise in the management, resolution and prevention of conflict. Having completed studies in Law, Psychology and Commerce, and also trained in Counselling and Group Work, Jon has the skills to assist those in dispute to find resolution from many different quarters.

Since 1996, Jon has been a senior mediation practitioner having completed over six hundred hours of direct mediation and as a supervising mediator, has had responsibility for many thousands of hours of mediation service delivery.

Since 1997, Jon has been a clinical supervisor of some 30 mediators and their mediation practices, providing supervision, coaching and training in both face-to-face and telephone sessions. As well, he also coaches supervisors of mediators, particularly those working in the area of ethical practice, mediation structure and crisis issues in mediation.

Jon has developed his own practice, as a trainer of managers in dispute management. He has trained and overseen the training of hundreds of mediators, managers and people whose roles require them to resolve disputes.

Jon has served on stakeholder committees particularly in the areas of Family Court Reform (1998), Expansion of Primary Dispute Resolution in the Family Law (2000), Workplace Dispute Resolution in the South Eastern Sydney Area Health, and the Department of Community Services Alternate Dispute Resolution working group.

In 2002 Jon served on the evaluation framework working party for the Department of Community Services as it began an evaluation of the ADR program within the department.

Students will be assessed against a selection of the Compulsory Units in the Vocational Graduate Diploma in Family Dispute Resolution, during the workshop.

KEY BENEFITS

After successfully completing this course you should be able to:

- Respond to domestic and family violence in family work
- Create a supportive environment for safety of vulnerable parties
- Operate in a family law environment
- Facilitate dispute resolution in the family law context
- Implement family dispute resolution strategies
- Facilitate family dispute resolution in an impartial manner and adhere to ethical standards

Students who complete all the units in:

- Mediation,
- Mediating Family Conflict
Family Law for Mediators,
- Advanced Family Mediation, and
- A Family Law Placement,

will satisfy the requirements of the Commonwealth Attorney General to become a Registered Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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