



RHODE ISLAND MEDIATORS ASSOCIATION

MEDIATOR PRACTITIONER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Rhode Island Mediators Association invites all qualified RI Mediators Association Members to apply for the Mediator Practitioner Membership level.

Below is listed information regarding the Mediator Practitioner Membership level, an application form, the pathways to achieving the Mediator Practitioner Membership and the Continuing Education Guidelines.

The cost of a 1 year membership is \$100.00. Your initial Mediator Practitioner membership fee will be prorated, if appropriate. Do not make payment until your application is approved.

Submit the required forms below to: Rhode Island Mediators Association, 9 Juniper Court, Bristol, 02809 or you may email completed applications and attachments in .PDF form to Exec@RIMediators.org.

Mediators will be notified of acceptance after the Board Review Meeting following receipt of all forms and attachments.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process or Mediator Practitioner Membership, you may contact the Rhode Island Mediators Association at 401-253-2458 or email exec@rimediators.org.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board
Rhode Island Mediators Association

RHODE ISLAND MEDIATORS ASSOCIATION

MEDIATOR PRACTITIONER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application _____

Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: Street City State Zip Code

Phone Number Email Address

Level of Education

Advanced Degree (Degree Title) _____

Bachelors Degree in field of conflict resolution or related field
(Degree Title) _____

Current Practice in a Professional Field

- Attorney
- Licensed Therapist
- Psychiatrist/Psychologist
- Certified Public Accountant
- Mediator
- Other _____

Basic Mediation Training

- 40 Hours (attach certificate including Dates, Location, and Lead Instructor)
- 30 + Hours and additional training to equal 40 Hours (attach certificate and training documentation including Dates, Location, and Lead Instructor)

Observation and Co-mediation

- I have completed 20 hours of observation and co-mediation through some combination of a) roll plays, b) mentoring by an Advanced Mediator to include observation, co-mediation and de-briefing and c) approved court annexed mediation. (attach documentation)

Advanced Training (Divorce or Non-Divorce)

For Divorce Mediators: I have completed an approved 24 hour Divorce Mediation Training Program. (attach certificate including Dates, Location, and Lead Instructor)

For Non-Divorce Mediators: I have completed an approved 24 hour Advanced Training Program for Non-Divorce Mediators In Negotiation, Dispute Resolution or a Pre-Approved Specialty area. (attach certificate including Dates, Location, and Lead Instructor)

Statements of Commitment to Mediation

I agree to the following as an expression of my commitment to the professional practice of mediation.

I have thoroughly reviewed and agree to abide by the **Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators** as approved by the Rhode Island Mediators Association.

I agree to abide by the Rhode Island Mediators Association policies, rules and regulations.

I agree to be committed to feedback and evaluation by clients, and my peers.

Mediator Professional Liability Insurance

Attach proof of mediator E & O insurance

Continuing Education

In order to maintain one's status as a Mediator Practitioner with the Rhode Island Mediators Association, you will be required to provide documentation of 10 hours of continuing education per year (July 1st – June 30th) to be submitted to the Rhode Island Mediators Association by July 15th, to include:

- 5 hours in the field of mediation including 1 ethics hour
- 5 hours in one or more of the specialty areas of mediation

This application accurately reflects my education, training, and experience in the field of mediation.

Applicant Signature

Do not make payment until your application is approved.

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PATHWAY TO MEDIATOR PRACTITIONER DESIGNATION

Education

Advanced Degree/Bachelors Degree

Training

Satisfactorily complete a recognized 40 hour, basic mediation training course

Plus Satisfactorily complete

20 hours observation and co-mediation through a combination of

- a) roll plays,
- b) mentoring by an Advanced Mediator to include observation, co-mediation and de-briefing and
- c) court annexed mediation.

Plus

24 hours Divorce Mediation Training or 24 hours of advanced training in Negotiation; Dispute Resolution; or another mediation-related specialty area.

Continuing Education per Year

Mediator agrees to:

10 hours of continuing education

- 5 credit hours of general mediation training including 1 ethics credit
- 5 hours of mediation training in one or more specialty areas

Commitment to Mediation

Mediator agrees to:

Abide by the ***Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators*** as approved by the AAA, ABA, ACR, and Rhode Island Mediators Association.

Abide by the Rhode Island Mediators Association policies.

Be open to feedback and evaluation.

Insurance

Mediator Professional Liability Insurance

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MEDIATOR CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY

The Rhode Island Mediators Association provides that Mediators shall obtain 10 continuing education credits annually in courses or programs that meet the Rhode Island Mediators Association continuing education requirements.

To satisfy your responsibility, you need to complete the Mediator Continuing Education Form describing your continuing education activities over the past year. In completing this Mediator Continuing Education Form, please especially note the following standards:

- Continuing education credit training must include the following:

5 credit hours general mediation skills training that must:

Develop mediation skills, which may include additional training in any of the eight core curriculum component areas listed below or in mediation skills generally.

Information Gathering Skills and Knowledge

Relationship Skills and Knowledge

Communication Skills and Knowledge

Problem-solving Skills and Knowledge

Ethical Decision-Making and Values Skills and Knowledge

Interaction and Conflict Management Skills and Knowledge

Professional Skills and Knowledge

A Substantive Knowledge Base (such as Conflict Resolution theory, Family Systems and Development, Domestic Violence Issues, Legal Context, etc.)

5 Credit hours in one or more Specialty Areas that the mediator practices in or chooses to become more proficient in including, but not limited to:

Divorce Mediation

Elder Mediation

Environmental Mediation

Business Mediation

Pre-Nuptial Mediation

Post-Nuptial Mediation

Landlord/Tenant Mediation

Family Mediation

Labor, Employment & Workplace Mediation

Discrimination & Human Rights Mediation

Education Related Mediation

- 4.0 CEU's must be obtained through RIMA trainings each year.
- Each training credit hour must represent at least 50 minutes of active training participation.
- Peer consultation may count toward up to 2 hours of general continuing education credit each year. Peer consultation is defined as the review and critique of actual cases with fellow mediators, while preserving the confidentiality of the participants in the mediation process.
- The presenting of a mediation process training, workshop or seminar, or presenting a training, workshop or seminar that is in an area of mediation practice, counts toward either general or specialty area continuing education requirements based upon the topic and the actual hours of presentation. Repeated presentation of the same training, workshop or seminar does not count toward continuing education credit.
- Mentoring or assisting a new mediator or a mediator who is looking to advance to the Advanced Mediator Level may count toward 1 hour of general continuing education credit every year.
- Serving on a committee of the Rhode Island Mediators Association may count toward 1 hour of general continuing education credit every year.
- 1.0 RIMA CEU's for attendance at each of the May event and September event.

The Rhode Island Mediators Association is committed to assisting Advanced Mediators to achieve the above Continuing Education Credit Hours, and to that end will hold trainings and roundtable discussions each year that will qualify for Continuing Education credits.