



RHODE ISLAND MEDIATORS ASSOCIATION

ADVANCED MEDIATOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The Rhode Island Mediators Association invites all mediators to apply for the Advanced Mediator Membership level.

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

The membership year for the Advanced Mediator Membership is July through June.

The cost of a 1 year membership is \$120.00. If you are currently an active member of RI Mediators Association, your initial Advanced Mediator membership fee will be prorated.

Payment may be made through Paypal on the Rhode Island Mediators Association website or by check. For payments made through Paypal, please print out and complete the forms below, scan and email to exec@rimediators.org.

Payment may also be made by check and submitted with the required forms below to: Rhode Island Mediators Association, 9 Juniper Court, Bristol, Rhode Island 02809.

Mediators will be notified of acceptance within 3 weeks of receipt of all forms and payment.

Acceptance to the Advanced Mediator Membership allows the mediator to use the trademark on all written materials, communications and electronic media.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the application process or Advanced Mediator 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

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ADVANCED MEDIATOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date of Application _____

Last Name

First Name

Middle Initial

Address: 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) _____

High School Diploma

Current Practice in a Professional Field

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

Basic Mediation Training

- 40 Hours (attach certificate)
- 30 + Hours and additional training to equal 40 Hours (attach certificate and training documentation)

Years of Experience

List experience practicing mediation, where mediation is a regular part of applicant's activities and includes at least 30 hours per year engaged in mediation as the responsible mediator or co-mediator.

List Experience (including years practiced):

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Statements of Commitment to Mediation

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

- I agree to abide by the **Model Standards of Conduct for Mediators** as approved by the AAA, ABA, ACR, and Rhode Island Mediators Association.
- I agree to abide by the Rhode Island Mediators Association rules and regulations.
- I agree to be committed to feedback and evaluation by clients.
- I agree to mentor and/or assist new mediators.

Mediator Professional Liability Insurance – E & O Insurance is a requirement of Advanced Mediator Membership.

Do you have Mediator E & O insurance currently in effect? Yes No

Continuing Education

In order to maintain one’s status as an Advanced Mediator 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

Directory Information – If you wish to be listed in the directory, please complete the information below

Business Name _____

Business Address _____

Business Phone _____

Email _____

Website _____

Up to 3 specialty practice areas

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

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

Applicant Signature

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PATHWAYS TO ADVANCED MEDIATOR DESIGNATION

PATHWAY 1

Education

Advanced Degree

Training

40 hours basic mediation training

3 years training/practice of mediation where mediation is a regular part of applicant's activities and includes at least 30 hours per year engaged in mediation as a responsible mediator or co-mediator

Experience

Current practice in a professional field

Continuing Education

10 hours of continuing education per year as follows:

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

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Mentor and/or assist new mediators.

Insurance

Mediator Professional Liability Insurance

PATHWAY 2

Education

Bachelors Degree

Training

40 hours basic mediation training

3 years training/practice of mediation where mediation is a regular part of applicant's activities and includes at least 30 hours per year engaged in mediation as a responsible mediator or co-mediator

Experience

Current practice in a professional field

5 years experience in field of conflict resolution inclusive of 3 years training/practice listed above

Continuing Education

10 hours of continuing education per year as follows:

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- 5 hours of mediation training in one or more specialty areas

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Insurance

Mediator Professional Liability Insurance

PATHWAY 3

Education

Education and work experience commensurate with pathways one or two

Training

40 hours basic mediation training

3 years training/practice of mediation where mediation is a regular part of applicant's activities and includes at least 30 hours per year engaged in mediation as a responsible mediator or co-mediator

Experience

Work experience and education commensurate with pathways one or two

Continuing Education

10 hours of continuing education per year as follows:

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

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Insurance

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ADVANCED MEDIATOR CONTINUING EDUCATION POLICY

The Rhode Island Mediators Association provides that Advanced 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 Membership Renewal Form (to be created) describing your continuing education activities over the past year. In completing this Membership Renewal 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

- 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.

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.