

Family Mediator, Certified

Family mediators are impartial third persons who, with the consent of the parties to divorce or other parental rights and responsibilities matters, assist and enable the parties to work together to reach a mutually satisfactory settlement of the issues in a dispute.

Legislation

Statute: NH RSA 328-C

Administrative Rules: Chapter Fam 100 - 700

Certification Requirements

- Bachelor's degree or higher in any field
- One of the following:
 1. Core training taken within the three years preceding the date of application which includes:
 - At least 48 hours of mediation training, including at least 24 hours of core mediation training and given by a New Hampshire certified program or a family mediator training program in another state, provided the trainers are Advanced Practitioner/Educator members of the Association for Conflict Resolution
 - At least 16 hours of mediation training specific to New Hampshire and at least eight hours of domestic violence training given by a currently certified New Hampshire family mediator training program
 2. Core training taken more than three years preceding the date of application which includes at least 48 hours of core mediation training, including 24 hours of core mediation, 16 hours of mediation training specific to New Hampshire and eight hours of domestic violence training given by a New Hampshire certified family mediator training program plus at least 12 hours of Family Mediator Certification Board approved continuing education taken within one year of the date of the application and including at least three hours focusing on each of the following topics: recent changes in law and procedure in matters related to divorce and parental rights and responsibilities, ethics for mediators, domestic violence, and mediation skills
- Completion of a 20 hour internship with certified family mediators who qualify as an internship supervisor and/or with mediators approved by the Association for Conflict Resolution as an advanced practitioner/advanced educator member who will then submit intern evaluations and letters of recommendation directly to the Board. (Note: length of internship is reduced to ten hours for family lawyers or therapists who have practiced for at least seven years.)
- Submission of a completed application
- Submission of a total of three letters of recommendation from internship supervisors, core training providers or people who have worked with applicant during the internship attesting to the applicant's honesty and competence as a mediator

Regulatory Agency

New Hampshire Family Mediator Certification Board

Office of Professional Licensure and Certification

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Examination

Not required

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Continuing Education

At least 24 hours of Board-approved continuing education is required during each three-year certification period. At least 16 hours must be obtained through attendance at live presentations.

Included must be at least four hours in mediation skills and three hours on each of the following topics: recent changes in law and procedure in matters related to divorce and parental rights and responsibilities, ethics for mediators, and domestic violence. Those who serve as intern supervisors and those who present Board-approved continuing education courses are eligible for additional credit hours.

Reciprocity

Not permitted

Active Licenses

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Related Training

Dispute Resolution; Law

Fees

Certification application	\$300.00
Certification renewal	\$300.00
Reinstatement fee	\$400.00
Family Mediator Training Program certification	\$900.00
Family Mediator Training Program certification renewal	\$900.00
<i>Certifications must be renewed every three years</i>	

O*Net Codes

23-1022.00 Arbitrators, Mediators, and Conciliators

Additional Information Sources

Association for Conflict Resolution
<www.acrnet.org>

New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association
<www.nhcra.org>

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
<www.afccnet.org>