

Supreme Court of Florida Appellate Mediation Trainer Qualifications

Certified appellate mediation training programs shall employ primary trainers and subject matter specialists who meet the applicable qualifications outlined below and who have been approved by the Center. Approval as a primary trainer shall be for two years.

Primary Trainer: In order to be approved as a primary trainer, a trainer shall demonstrate the following qualifications:

- A. **Mediation Training Received:** Successful completion of a minimum of 40 hours of mediation training and a minimum of seven hours of appellate mediation training in a program certified by the Florida Supreme Court (or the equivalent).
- B. **Mediation Experience:** Participation in a minimum of 10 complete appellate mediation conferences (or their equivalent) as the mediator with a minimum of two appellate mediations (or their equivalent) as the mediator or as an observer within the last two years.
- C. **Continuing Education:** Completion of 16 hours of continuing mediator education including three hours of train the mediation trainer or adult teaching techniques within the last two years. Lecturing in and/or attending a certified mediation training program in which the trainer conducted the program does not qualify toward the required continuing mediator education for trainers.
- D. **Training Delivery Experience:** One item from (i) and all of (ii)
 - (i) Participation as a lecturer for no less than one hour in a certified county court, family, circuit court, dependency or appellate mediation training program; completion of six hours of attendance in a program for trainers on adult teaching techniques; teaching a single continuing mediator education class for no less than three hours; teaching an mediation related program for no less than three hours or 30% of the total program whichever is greater; or teaching a graduate course on ADR in a university setting; and in addition
 - (ii) Participation in four distinct mediation training programs that include participation as primary trainer or assistant trainer in county court, family, circuit court, or dependency mediation training programs deemed to be the equivalent of a Supreme Court certified county court, family, circuit court or dependency mediation training and/or participation as a primary trainer or subject matter specialist in appellate mediation training programs deemed to be the equivalent of a Supreme Court certified appellate mediation training
- E. **Examination:** Successful completion of an open-book examination on Chapter 44, mediation training standards, standards of conduct for mediators, mediator certification requirements, and mediator certification renewal requirements.

Subject Matter Specialist: Subject matter specialists shall have a substantial part of his or her professional practice in the area about which the specialist is lecturing and shall have the ability to connect his or her area of expertise with the mediation process.

Renewing or Reinstating Approval as a Primary Trainer: Once approved, a primary trainer shall demonstrate the following qualifications irrespective of whether such approval has lapsed:

- A. Participation in a minimum of two appellate mediation conferences as the mediator or as an observer within the last two years.
- B. Completion of 16 hours of continuing mediator education including three hours of train the mediation trainer or adult teaching techniques within the last two years. Lecturing in and/or attending a certified mediation training program in which the trainer conducted the program does not qualify toward the required continuing mediator education for trainers.
- C. Examination: Successful completion of an open-book examination on Chapter 44, mediation training standards, standards of conduct for mediators, mediator certification requirements, and mediator certification renewal requirements.

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