



CHC81115

Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution Training Provider Comparison Tool

Have you decided that you want to become a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner?

Congratulations. It is a very important and fulfilling role helping families to sort out separation and co-parenting issues respectfully and without the need to go to court.

The next step is working out who you want as your training provider. We think it should be with the Inspiritive / Mediation Institute training partnership.

Inspiritive is the registered training organisation (RTO) 21178 that you will find on www.training.gov.au and www.myskills.gov.au when you are researching providers.

Mediation Institute works with Inspiritive through a registered 3rd party arrangement to provide the course, the training and the assessment.

Why? Because Mediation Institute is a speciality in dispute resolution training. They are a recognised mediator accreditation body (RMAB) and dispute resolution professional complaint handling and membership organisation.

Mediation Institute trains, supports and deals with complaints about dispute resolution professionals. We know that quality training and ongoing professional development is the foundation upon which excellence in professional practice is built on.

This training provider comparison tool helps you to compare the Inspiritive / Mediation Institute course with that of other providers. In the case of the CHC81115 – Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution there are not very many providers due to it being a very specialised and high level course.

[Training.gov.au lists six training providers](#) who are able to train this qualification: Inspiritive (that's us!), Chisholm Institute, International College of Environmental Sustainability, Jigsaw Consulting Group, Relationships Australia (Victoria) and Relationships Australia South Australia.

[The Attorney Generals Department](#) also lists three higher education providers who have a course equivalent to the Core Units of the Graduate Diploma (6 of the 10 units). They are: Bond University, Queensland University of Technology, The College of Law. ***When you are comparing remember that despite what they call their courses they are only deemed equivalent to the core units not the full qualification so make sure you are comparing our core units fee with their fees.***

This information is provided by Mediation Institute and based on information available on the 10th January 2020. Please make your own enquiries. To find out more about the Inspiritive / Mediation Institute course please visit <https://www.mediationinstitute.edu.au/chc81115-graduate-diploma-family-dispute-resolution/> we have comprehensive information about our course on the website and you can schedule a call or email us if you have further questions.

Criteria	Inspiritive / Mediation Institute		
Course Availability: Do they have places available in my state?	Yes. National training with ongoing enrolments from January to December each year.		
Course Costs: What does the course cost?	\$9,900 Full Qual. \$6,900 Core Units. <i>Increasing by \$1,000 on 1st March 2020.</i>		
Will I be eligible for government subsidies?	No. <i>Make sure you ask the full cost of the government loans as they have extra costs.</i>		
Can I pay by interest free instalments?	Yes. Our standard is up to 12 months of interest free instalments.		
What are the rules regarding withdrawing from the course?	There is no refund once you start but we can suspend instalments on your payment plan if necessary.		
Course Requirements: Are there any pre-requisites?	Yes. See the Course Details Mi provides NMAAS Training, Assessment and Accreditation if you need that as a pre-requisite.		
How computer literate do I have to be and do you provide support?	The course is through online learning. We do a video meeting orientation to help you get started and provide as much help as you need to increase your digital literacy. Mi is a Be Connected Network Partner .		
Course Details: Will I have to attend classes/ workshops?	Not in person. It's online delivery. You will participate in live video meetings but can set your own schedule.		
Is it full time or part time?	Self-paced. You decide.		
When does it start?	Ongoing enrolment. Start when you are ready.		
How long does it take?	Self-paced. That's up to you. 9 – 12 months for the core units only. 12 – 18 months full Qualification. Shorter is possible if full time.		
What happens if I don't complete in time?	No penalties if you take longer. Your enrolment remains open unless the qualification is superseded, there is usually a 12 month teach out if that happens.		
How is the course delivered? Face to face, online or mixed?	Online. Live video webinars, tutorials and role plays.		
Is Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) or credit transfers (RCC) available?	Yes. If you can demonstrate recent relevant workplace experience or current units of competence.		

Do they teach on industry standard equipment i.e. simulated workplace environment?	Yes. Video Mediation is used for role plays. Real client work for your work placement either video or face to face.		
How many hours do I have to commit each week?	Self-paced. You establish your training schedule.		
What course electives do you offer?	See our Course Details page		
Does the course have any “extras” included?	Yes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Certificate in Video Meeting Facilitation - Certificate in Property FDR, uses DOORS risk screening and FamilyProperty Legal Tech. - New Ways for Families Coach Training (if doing the full qualification) - NMAS Mediator Certificate of Assessment. <i>Doesn't apply if you need to complete the NMAS Course as a pre-requisite</i> 		
How will I be assessed?	Theory assessment through quizzes, assignments and activities. Skills assessment through role plays. Work placement is mandatory.		
How long have they been delivering the course?	Mediation Institute has been delivering the course since 2013. The Inspiritive / Mediation Institute partnership has been in place since 2017.		
Who is the trainer and what experience do they have?	We have a training team who are all working FDRP's in private practice.		
What industry / employer links do they have?	Mediation Institute is a membership body for FDRP's. We train students from government funded services and established a not-for-profit to ensure that student placements can be provided.		
Do they organise work placements with an employer?	We can additional fee of \$2,200 if we provide the placement. We support students to network with local FDRP services and members during the course with the goal of organising your own placement but can provide your work placement if needed.		

Do they require the mandated 50-hour work placement with REAL clients?	Yes. Mediation Institute requires your 50-hour work placement with real clients after you have been assessed as competent through simulations. ¹		
Course Outcomes: Will the course enable me to accredit as a FDRP?	It is one of the requirements. Conditions apply if you complete the core units only. AG's Department Website info.		
Will this course give credits for further study?	Yes. Past students have received 30% or more credits on a Masters of Dispute Resolution.		
What percentage of graduates have found jobs in the field?	The majority but we don't have exact data. Many establish their own professional practice rather than seek employment.		
What assistance do you offer to graduates after the course?	Membership (\$220 for 2 years) includes professional development, practice development support, complaint handling, mentoring and whatever else we can do to support your success!		
Any other important criteria for you?			

¹ Our interpretation of the qualification requirements is that students must complete 50 hours of work placement which can be supplemented by simulations if all required evidence can't be gathered in the workplace. We don't believe that the intention is that role plays are deemed to be work placement and we don't believe that shortening the work placement requirements as some of our competitors do is ethical or in the best interests of students or the industry.

Below in italics is the specific wording from one of the units requiring work placement. You make up your own mind about what you think is appropriate. Be aware that if you do your studies with Mediation Institute you will do a minimum of 50 hour work placement. [CHCDSP001 – Facilitate Dispute Resolution in the family law context](#) *“Performance Evidence There must be evidence that the candidate has performed the activities outlined in the performance criteria of this unit according to legal requirements and ethical standards during a period of 50 hours of dispute resolution work with clients, under the supervision of an accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP), in a dispute resolution service.”*