When two sides of an issue reach an impasse, a mediator can play an essential role in helping parties move forward. Companies, individuals, social service providers, and government agencies increasingly turn to mediation as a more cost-effective, expedient way to achieve mutually satisfactory agreements.

Mediators navigate from conflict to common ground

By giving a voice to all involved and pinpointing roadblocks, mediators play an integral part in resolving disputes. Mediators serve as neutral third parties, guiding individuals or groups to common ground. The mediator’s skill at establishing ground rules, ensuring all parties are represented in the discussion, building consensus, and identifying the underlying causes of conflict helps clients to be the decision makers in their dispute.

Trained mediators can help businesses and individuals deal with
- Legal disputes
- Complex business decisions
- Family conflict
- Insurance appeals

Earning Your Mediation Certificate

UNLV’s Mediation Certificate focuses specifically on the facilitative model of mediation. In this model, the mediator is responsible for guiding the process to help parties better understand one another’s perspective and develop a mutually agreeable solution.

Mediation students will develop active listening skills and effective questioning techniques. Ethical standards in mediation and strategies to work through impasse situations will be introduced, as will methods to differentiate between position and interest, identify sources of conflict, and write agreements. Classroom training is reinforced through an in-depth practicum in partnership with the Neighborhood Justice Center.

Nevada Employment Outlook:

The national median annual salary for or arbitrators, mediators, and conciliators was $60,670 in 2017. Job prospects are best for those with expertise in a specific field.

About the Neighborhood Justice Center
The NJC was created in 1991 to provide dispute resolution for Clark County residents, businesses, and organizations. The NJC’s role is set out in the Nevada Revised Statues and includes the provision of mediation and conflict resolution services, information and referral, and training as core responsibilities. It is a division of the Justice Court, Las Vegas Township. In addition to general mediation services, the NJC conducts court-mandated Small Claim mediations, Victim Offender Mediation (VOM) for juvenile offenders and their victims, and Conflict Intervention Teams (CIT), which provides a team of mediators to stabilize volatile situations in schools, neighborhoods, workplaces, and/or organizations.

Gain Practical Experience
Our partnership with the Neighborhood Justice Center (NJC) creates opportunities for mediation students to observe actual mediation sessions, build experience through volunteer work, and network with professional mediators. Following classroom training, an in-depth practicum will include a minimum of three observations, four co-mediations, and two solo mediations. The practicum will allow you to practice your skills and gain confidence in your ability to conduct mediations.

In addition to mediation being its own career path, students can use their new skills to expand their responsibilities within their current workplace. Human resource professionals, educators, administrators, managers, attorneys, and others can all use mediation techniques to help move their careers forward.

“Compromise.
Such an adjustment of conflicting interests as gives each adversary the satisfaction of thinking he has got what he ought not to have, and is deprived of nothing except what was justly his due.”
– Ambrose Bierce

Schedule & Registration
For complete course descriptions, program dates, and registration, visit ced.unlv.edu/mediation.

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