

## Certification Requirements for Becoming a Mediator

An applicant for certification shall have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university or shall submit evidence of relevant experience and qualifications sufficient to support certification.

Type of Certification	Types of cases	Certification Requirements
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases referred by the General District Court</li> <li>• Landlord/Tenant</li> <li>• Contracts</li> <li>• Personal injury</li> <li>• Employment disputes</li> <li>• Neighbor issues</li> <li>• Workplace issues</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 hrs. Basic Skills</li> <li>• 4 hrs. Virginia Judicial Systems</li> <li>• 2 observations <b>or</b> 8 hr. Observation and Role Play class</li> <li>• 3 co-mediations (minimum 5 hrs.)</li> </ul>
Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases referred by the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts: (Custody, Visitation, Child Support)</li> <li>• Parent-Teen</li> <li>• Eldercare</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 hrs. Basic Skills</li> <li>• 4 hrs. Virginia Judicial Systems</li> <li>• 20 hrs. Family Training</li> <li>• 8 hrs. Screening for Domestic Violence</li> <li>• 2 observations <b>or</b> 8 hr. Observation and Role Play class</li> <li>• 5 co-mediations (minimum 10 hrs.)</li> </ul>
Circuit Court Civil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cases referred by the Circuit Court involving more complex civil matters (see General Cases)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 hrs. Basic Skills</li> <li>• 4 hrs. Virginia Judicial Systems</li> <li>• 20 hr. advanced civil training</li> <li>• 2 observations <b>or</b> 8 hr. Observation and Role Play class</li> <li>• 5 co-mediations (minimum 10 hrs.)</li> </ul>
Circuit Court Family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divorce</li> <li>• Equitable distribution</li> <li>• Custody, Visitation, Child Support</li> <li>• Spousal Support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 hrs. Basic Skills</li> <li>• 4 hrs. Virginia Judicial Systems</li> <li>• 12 hr. advanced family training</li> <li>• 8 hrs. Screening for Domestic Violence</li> <li>• 2 observations <b>or</b> 8 hr. Observation and Role Play class</li> <li>• 5 co-mediations (minimum 10 hrs.)</li> </ul>

To be recertified, required every 2 years, a mediator must take continuing mediator education classes (8 hours) and mediate a minimum of 5 cases.