

Elder Mediation: Essential Knowledge, Values and Skills

30 hours (3x10 weeks) Online Training, May 4 – July 6, 2021

A timely opportunity for mediators to learn online from a highly experienced leader, practitioner and trainer in the field of Elder Mediation.

- This tailored, professional development program is designed to expand and enhance your present knowledge and skills in this fast-emerging field. A central purpose is to sensitise participants to the needs, experiences, conflicts and challenges facing older people, their families, carers and communities and the implications for mediation involving older people.
- The current pandemic and Royal Commission into Age Care have increased our awareness of the vulnerability of older people and has added to and/or identified the risks, stresses and conflicts faced by older people, in particular those who are experiencing cognitive or physical decline or an age-related illness, are in aged care, dependent on their families for care or separated from their families and significant others, and those who are at risk of or experiencing abuse or neglect.
- Face-to-face programs have been successfully delivered by the trainer in most Australian States and New Zealand for Relationships Australia, the Resolution Institute and other groups of experienced mediators and an enhanced, popular online program was introduced in 2020, with excellent feedback from participants.
- This person-centred approach to Elder Mediation has inspired a willingness and enthusiasm in many prior participants in this program to invest and further develop proficiency in this field.

Eligibility

Prior mediation training and experience at the Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner and/or Australian National Mediation Standards Board level is preferred.

Course Content

Problems and issues faced by older persons and their families; intergenerational and family dynamics; the psychosocial and physical effects of aging; hearing the voice of the older person, directly or indirectly; ageism, personal, societal and participant biases and self-assessment; generational, gendered and cultural experiences and attitudes to aging; working with large groups and multi-parties; the issue of capacity; elder abuse; screening for capacity and elder abuse; making necessary accommodations and referrals; confidentiality and mandated reporting; intake and pre-mediation procedures; ethical issues and unique challenges; elder law and community resources; the role and use of support persons, advocates and other resource persons; writing agreements; elder mediation practice skills.

Elder Mediation Certification and/or CPD Hours

This training program provides thirty (30) hours towards the Elder Mediation International Network's (EMIN's) Elder Mediator Certification requirements - <https://elder-mediation-international.net/become-elder-mediator/> - and/or for CPD purposes. EMIN certification and this training are recognised by the Board of the Elder Mediation Australasian Network (EMAN) - www.elder-mediation.com.au

Specialist Trainer

Dr Dale Bagshaw, Dip Soc Stud, M Soc Admin, PhD, Cert EM (Advanced): Adjunct Associate Professor, Justice and Society, University of South Australia; founder and Chair of EMAN; Board member of EMIN and member of the EMIN Certification Committee; EMIN Certified Elder Mediator (Advanced); Australasia's most experienced and nationally and internationally awarded Elder Mediation trainer. For Dale's brief bio go to: <http://elder-mediation.com.au/committees/bagshaw-dale/>

Dates and Registration Fee: AUS \$1200. Applications due by April 12, 2021. Start date: May 4, 2021.

For further information: Email: dale.bagshaw@unisa.edu.au Phone: +61 (0) 408 805 641