

Oregon Judicial Department
Court-Connected Mediator Qualifications by Case Type
 Summary of [UTCR Chapter 12](#)

	<u>UTCR 12.060</u> General Civil Mediators	<u>UTCR 12.070</u> Domestic Relations Custody & Parenting Mediators	<u>UTCR 12.080</u> Domestic Relations Financial Mediators
<i>Education</i>	None Required	Must possess one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ MA or Ph.D. in counseling, psychiatry, psychology, social work, marriage/family therapy, or mental health ➤ JD with course work or CLE credits in family law ➤ MA or Ph.D. in a subject relating to children and family dynamics, education, communication, or conflict resolution, with coursework in human behavior plus 1 year full-time experience providing social work, mental health, or conflict resolution to families. ➤ BA in a behavioral science related to family relationships, child development, or conflict resolution and at least 7 years post BA experience in providing social work, mental health, or conflict resolution services to families 	Must meet the education requirements for a domestic relations custody and parenting time mediator under UTCR 12.070.
<i>Training</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Mediation Curriculum (30 hrs) • Court-system training (6 hrs for small claims court, 8 hours for all other contexts) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Mediation Curriculum (30 hrs) • Domestic relations custody and parenting curriculum (40 hrs) • Court-system training (8 hrs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Mediation Curriculum (30 hrs) • Domestic relations custody and parenting curriculum (40 hrs) • Court-system training (8 hrs) • Domestic relations financial mediation training (40 hrs)

<p>Experience</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Observe 3 actual mediations, AND • Participate as a mediator or co-mediator in at least 3 court cases while being observed by a person qualified as a general civil mediation supervisorⁱ and performing to the supervisor's satisfaction. 	<p>At least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participate in at least 20 cases totaling 100 hours of domestic relations mediation supervised or co-mediated with a qualified domestic relations mediation supervisorⁱⁱ (at least 3 of the cases must have been directly supervised by the qualified supervisor), OR ➤ Two years full-time experience in mediation, direct therapy or counseling, or as a practicing attorney handling domestic relations or juvenile caseload. These applicants must have participated as a mediator or co-mediator in at least 10 cases totaling 50 hours of domestic relations mediation and have an understanding of court-connected domestic relations programs. 	<p>At least one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participate in at least 20 cases totaling 100 hours of domestic relations mediation supervised or co-mediated with a qualified domestic relations financial mediation supervisorⁱⁱⁱ (at least 3 of the cases must have been directly supervised by the qualified supervisor), OR ➤ Two years full-time experience in mediation, direct therapy or counseling, or as a practicing attorney handling domestic relations or juvenile caseload. These applicants must have participated as a mediator or co-mediator in at least 10 cases totaling 50 hours of domestic relations financial mediation and have an understanding of court-connected domestic relations programs.
<p>Continuing Education</p>	<p>12 hours every two years</p> <p>During the first two calendar years after the mediator's approval, the mediator will have to complete additional hours of continuing education for every hour of basic</p>	<p>24 Hours every two calendar years</p>	<p>24 Hours every two calendar years</p>

	mediation training less than 36 hours		
Ongoing Obligations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the mediator ethics in UTCR 12.040 Maintain & update public information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the mediator ethics in UTCR 12.040 Maintain & update public information 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow the mediator ethics in UTCR 12.040 Maintain & update public information Maintain at least \$100,000 malpractice insurance or such greater amount as required by the determining authority

ⁱ **UTCR 12.060 (6)** A qualified general civil mediation supervisor is an individual who has:

- Met the qualifications of a general civil mediator
- Mediated at least 35 cases to conclusion or completed at least 350 hours of mediation experience beyond the experience required of an approved general civil mediator

ⁱⁱ **UTCR 12.070 (7)** A qualified domestic relations custody and parenting time mediation supervisor is an individual who has:

- Met the qualifications of a domestic relations mediator
- Completed at least 35 cases, including a total of at least 350 hours of domestic relations custody and parenting mediation beyond the experience required of a domestic relations mediator in UTCR 12.070, and
- Have an understanding of court-connected domestic relations programs.

ⁱⁱⁱ **UTCR 12.080 (8)** A qualified domestic relations financial mediation supervisor is an individual who has:

- Met the qualifications of a domestic relations financial mediator
- Completed at least 35 cases, including a total of at least 350 hours of domestic relations financial mediation beyond the experience required of a domestic relations financial mediator in UTCR 12.080, and
- Have malpractice insurance coverage for the supervisory role.