

MICHIGAN COURT MEDIATOR REQUIREMENTS*

	General Civil (MCR 2.411)	Domestic Relations (MCR 3.216)	Advanced
Training Program	Successful completion of the approved SCAO 40-hour CDRP training.	Successful completion of the SCAO approved 48-hour CDRP training.	Successful completion of 8 hours of advanced mediator training every 5 years.
Mediation Observation	<p>Observation of two general civil mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator.</p> <p>Conduct one general civil mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator. <i>(Web-based and telephonic mediation may not be counted toward this requirement.)</i></p>	<p>Observation of two domestic relations mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator.</p> <p>Conduct one domestic relations mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator. <i>(Web-based and telephonic mediation may not be counted toward this requirement.)</i></p>	Not applicable
Education	To serve on a Michigan court civil mediation roster you must have a juris doctor degree or graduate degree in conflict resolution <u>OR</u> 40 hours of mediation experience over two years, including mediation, co-mediation, observation, and role-playing in the context of mediation, prior to applying for the court	To serve on a Michigan court domestic relations mediation roster you must either a) be a licensed attorney, a licensed or limited licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and family therapist; b) have a master's degree in counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy; c) have a	

	roster in which you would like to serve on.**	graduate degree in a behavioral science, or d) have 5 years' experience in family counseling. The degree requirements may be waived upon demonstration of completion of 80 hours (or 20 cases) in domestic relations mediation prior to applying for the court roster in which you would like to serve on.**	
Continuing Education	8 hours of advanced mediation training every 2 years	8 hours of advanced mediation training every 2 years	Not applicable

To find out more about becoming a mediator in the State of Michigan and when these training programs are held, please visit:

<http://courts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/OfficesPrograms/ODR/Pages/default.aspx>.

*The State of Michigan does not have state level mediation certification process requirements for the practice of mediation.

**For those persons interested in serving on a court roster, application should be made to individual circuit courts and not to the SCAO.