



AMDRAS Advanced Mediator Practicum

Course Guide

Deepen your Practice. Step Confidently into AMDRAS Advanced Mediator Accreditation.

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Practicum Certificate Description

This practicum is for experienced mediators ready to move beyond competent practice into advanced professional leadership.

It is an opportunity to critically reflect, test your approach against the AMDRAS Professional Practice Domains, and demonstrate the depth of your professional judgment in complex matters.

Course Objectives

Participants will:

- Demonstrate advanced mediation competency through real-world reflective analysis.
- Present a structured case study aligned with AMDRAS Professional Practice Domains.
- Articulate and critically examine their ethical decision-making framework.
- Reflect on your personal mediation style, growth edges and professional development goals.
- Provide and receive high-level peer feedback.
- Analyse complexity, power imbalance and cultural considerations in advanced practice.

Pre-requisites

To enrol, you must:

- Be currently accredited under AMDRAS
- Have maintained accreditation for at least 4 years (two renewals)
- Provide evidence of at least 150 hours of mediation practice post-accreditation

Meet the requirements?

**Then take the next step towards AMDRAS
Advanced Mediator Accreditation.**

[COT Application Form](#)

Delivery Options and Time Commitment

Delivery options include:

- Live 2 day online Workshop – Weekend or Mid Week Options are Available

See our website for dates <https://www.mediationinstitute.edu.au/practicum/>

- In-house Workshop – scheduled according to your needs

The AMDRAS Standards require a minimum of 12 hours of participation. Most participants will invest additional time preparing their case study and completing their reflective journal.

Course Approach

The AMDRAS Practicum is an advanced, practice-based forum for experienced mediators. It is not a foundational training program. It focuses on demonstrating and critically examining your mediation practice against the AMDRAS Professional Practice Domains.

Case Study Presentation

Each participant delivers a 30-minute case study from their own practice, demonstrating ethical judgement, management of complexity and reflective insight. Trainers facilitate structured critical discussion following each presentation.

Peer Learning

Participants actively contribute to professional dialogue, offering and receiving standards-based feedback.

Advanced Practice Focus

Interactive discussions explore complexity, power imbalance, ethical decision making and reflective practice in advanced mediation.

Reflective Journal

An 800–1,000 word reflection links your learning to the AMDRAS Professional Practice Domains and identifies development goals. Workshops are intentionally small to ensure depth, rigour and meaningful professional engagement.

Your Facilitators

This practicum is led by **Peter Johnstone** and **Darren Clark**, highly experienced accredited mediators who regularly manage complex, multi-layered disputes.

As advanced practitioners and mediator educators, they bring:

- Extensive real-world mediation experience
- Strong alignment with the AMDRAS Professional Practice Domains
- Expertise in ethical decision-making, power dynamics and complexity
- Ongoing involvement in mediator supervision and professional standards as AMDRAS Assessors

Participants benefit from facilitators who not only understand the standards — but apply them daily in practice.

What Participants Said

- *The facilitators created an open, non-judgemental environment where experienced mediators could critically examine their practice.*
- *The peer case studies were the most impactful — a real eye-opener to different approaches.*
- *Reflective practice isn't optional; it's central to ethical, sustainable mediation.*
- *The drama triangle was a big shift for me — how easily parties (and mediators) can be pulled into victim, persecutor, or rescuer roles.*
- *The power dynamics case studies made me realise even subtle imbalances can undermine self-determination if they're not addressed.*
- *The facilitators' experience in high-conflict cases gave the workshop credibility and practical depth.*
- *I realised I don't use brainstorming as much as I should in some family law cases — and that could be limiting innovation.*

Application and Enrolment Process

Application Process

1. Review the **Course Page** - [Online Course Information Page](#)
2. **Complete the Application Form** - [Application Form](#)
3. Submit evidence of eligibility (accreditation and practice hours)
4. Receive eligibility confirmation prior to invoicing.

As this practicum is limited to experienced accredited mediators seeking to demonstrate advanced professional competency, all applications are reviewed to confirm eligibility prior to invoicing.

Course Fees – Public Workshop Option

Workshops are intentionally limited to 8 participants to ensure depth of discussion and meaningful professional engagement.

2 Day Public Practicum Course	Standard Fee	\$1,450
Member Rate - Practicum Course	Mi Member Discounted Rate	\$1,150

Two interest-free monthly instalment options are available.

Private Workshop Option

In-house workshops (online or in-person) can be tailored to your organisation's context and practice focus.

Contact us to discuss format, group size and pricing.

Contact Mediation Institute on office@mediationinstitute.edu.au

If you are ready to critically examine and demonstrate your advanced mediation practice, we invite you to apply.