

Download Becoming A Legal Mediator

Education Requirements. There is no one road to becoming a legal mediator. Entry into the career can be through training programs, hands-on experience or attaining advanced degrees in a relevant subject matter. Legal mediators usually undergo dozens of hours of training in mediation skills. States with such rosters usually require between 20 and 40 hours of approved mediation training. If you have a bachelor's degree and are thinking about becoming a mediator, the Master of Legal Studies (MLS) degree can help. MLS programs provide a foundational understanding of the US legal system and its interaction across several core disciplines. Licenses, Certifications, and Registrations. Qualifications, standards, and the number of training hours required vary by state or by court. Most states require mediators to complete 20 to 40 hours of training courses to become certified. Some states require additional hours of training in a specialty area. Mediator Training. Mediators must meet education, training and experience requirements to work in federal or state courts -- standards which vary by state and court. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, most mediators complete a 40-hour basic mediation course and a 20-hour advanced training course.