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## WALLACE STEGNER CENTER ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROGRAM SHORT COURSE ON EFFECTIVE NATURAL RESOURCES COLLABORATION ONLINE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Application deadline April 19, 2021

Limited scholarships available

Environmental and natural resource (ENR) issues are ecologically, politically, culturally, and emotionally complex. Not only can they cross jurisdictional boundaries, impact diverse stakeholders, and involve multiple institutions; they also typically involve high levels of uncertainty and complicated science. As a result, ENR issues are often contentious and controversial.

Collaborative efforts that meaningfully engage diverse agencies and stakeholders have considerable potential to help involved parties work through conflict to identify and implement creative and effective solutions for ENR issues. The 7-session Short Course teaches mid- and upper-level professionals working on ENR issues the “art and science” of collaborative problem-solving through lectures, case studies, peer-to-peer sharing, discussion, and simulation exercises. Participants will put the concepts and skills learned through the course into action in a real-life setting by assessing readiness for and designing an ENR collaboration Capstone Project.

The course will be delivered virtually via highly interactive and engaging sessions that emphasize peer-to-peer learning and networking.

### Short Course participants will acquire:

- Awareness and skills to help them effectively harness the co-creative potential of conflict and participate in multi-party collaborative processes around ENR issues;
- Techniques that will help them identify opportunities for collaborative problem-solving around ENR issues, as well as skills for convening, facilitating, and sustaining collaborative efforts; and
- Experience assessing and designing an ENR collaboration effort relevant to the participant’s own work, with the mentorship and guidance of EDR Program staff and peer-to-peer support.

### Instructors

- Danya Rumore is the Director of the EDR Program. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Policy and Planning and has over 10 years of experience in stakeholder engagement, consensus building, and collaborative process design in the context of ENR issues.
- Nedra Chandler is the Associate Director of the EDR Program. Since 1990 she has mediated or facilitated more than 300 complex environmental and public policy conflicts in the US. Nedra is an International Coach Federation coach and a mediator on the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution’s National Roster of Conflict Resolution Professionals and Native Network.
- Guest lecturers with experience working on collaborative ENR efforts will also contribute to the course.

### Schedule

[Wallace Stegner Center Environmental Dispute Resolution Program](#)  
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[www.law.utah.edu/projects/edr/](http://www.law.utah.edu/projects/edr/)  
EDR Blog: [www.edrblog.org](http://www.edrblog.org)

The course will consist of one 1-day introductory session, five two-day instruction sessions, and a 1-day graduation session. The final session will be scheduled in accordance with participants' availability.

All sessions will be delivered virtually via Zoom.

Session	Dates and Times	Content
Session 1	July 08, 2021 (9am-5pm)	Introduction to collaboration; coaching and developmental partnering; and key concepts
Session 2	July 29, 2021 (9am-5pm) July 30, 2021 (9am-3pm)	Basic skills for collaborative problem-solving
Session 3	September 9, 2021 (9am-5pm) September 10, 2021 (9am-3pm)	Planning and designing a collaborative ENR process; identifying opportunities for collaboration; and readiness checking
Session 4	September 30, 2021 (9am-5pm) October 1, 2021 (9am-3pm)	Different contexts of and approaches to ENR collaboration
Session 5	November 4, 2021 (9am-5pm) November 5, 2021 (9am-3pm)	Capstone Project development; communication and facilitation skills
Session 6	December 9, 2021 (9am-5pm) December 10, 2021 (9am-3pm)	Peer-to-peer coaching and developmental partnering; Capstone Project check in
Session 7	Winter 2022 date TBD (9am-5pm)	Capstone Project sharing and graduation

## Tuition

Tuition for the Short Course is \$1,500. Limited tuition scholarships are available.

## Requirements

Short Course participants will be required to:

- Commit to attending all sessions; and
- Complete a Capstone Project during the Short Course and report on it during the last session

## After the course

Short Course graduates will join prior Short Course participants as EDR Fellows. The EDR Fellows network, along with Short Course instructors, will provide an opportunity for continued coaching and support for graduates after they complete the course.

## Application

To apply for the Short Course, please complete the [online application form](#) (which is also available at <https://forms.gle/7D2hBohuae2J5MBR9>).

Applications are due April 19, 2021. Participants will be selected and notified by April 30, 2021. We will select participants to create a cohort representing a range of stakeholder groups. For more information, please contact Nedra Chandler at [Nedra.Chandler@law.utah.edu](mailto:Nedra.Chandler@law.utah.edu) or 406-461-1621.