



Environmental Dispute Resolution Program Collaboration Certificate Course *Online Professional Training*

Apply by April 19, 2022

Limited scholarships available

Environmental, natural resource, and public policy issues are ecologically, politically, culturally, and emotionally complex. Not only can they cross jurisdictional boundaries, affect diverse stakeholders, and involve multiple institutions; they also typically involve high levels of uncertainty and complicated science. As a result, they 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 environmental, natural resource, and public policy issues. The 7-session Collaboration Certificate Course, offered by the Wallace Stegner Center's Environmental Dispute Resolution (EDR) Program at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, teaches mid- and upper-level professionals working on environmental, natural resource, and public policy issues the "art and science" of collaborative problem-solving through lectures, case studies, peer-to-peer sharing, discussion, and simulation exercises. Participants are encouraged to put the concepts and skills learned through the course into action in a real-life setting by assessing readiness for and designing a collaboration Capstone Project.

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

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;
- Techniques that will help them identify opportunities for collaborative problem-solving, as well as skills for convening, facilitating, and sustaining collaborative efforts; and
- Experience assessing and designing a collaboration effort relevant to the participant's own work, with the mentorship and guidance of instructors 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 environmental, natural resource, and public policy 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 efforts will also contribute to the course.

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EDR Blog: www.edrblog.org

Course Schedule

The course will consist of a 1-day introductory session, five 2-day instruction sessions, and a 1-day graduation session.

All sessions will be delivered virtually via Zoom. Course materials will be distributed using the CANVAS platform.

Session	Dates and Times	Content
Session 1	Sep 15, 2022 (9am-5pm)	Kick-off: mutual expectations and introduction to course materials
Session 2	Sep 28, 2022 (9am-5pm) Sep 29, 2022 (9am-3pm)	Introduction to collaboration and key concepts
Session 3	Oct 19, 2022 (9am-5pm) Oct 20, 2022 (9am-3pm)	Basic skills for collaborative problem solving
Session 4	Nov 2, 2022 (9am-5pm) Nov 3, 2022 (9am-3pm)	Assessing opportunities for collaboration and designing a collaborative process
Session 5	Dec 7, 2022 (9am-5pm) Dec 8, 2022 (9am-3pm)	Different contexts of and approaches to environmental, natural resource, and public policy collaboration
Session 6	Jan 11, 2023 (9am-5pm) Jan 12, 2023 (9am-3pm)	Facilitation skills, adaptive leadership, and self-leadership
Session 7	Mar 2, 2023 (9am-5pm)	Graduation session

Tuition

Tuition for the EDR Collaboration Certificate Course is \$1,500. Limited scholarships are available.

Requirements

Course participants are required to commit to attending all sessions. They are expected to prepare for each session by reviewing assigned materials (readings, videos, etc.) before class. Participants are also strongly encouraged to complete a Capstone Project and report on their progress/outcomes during Session 7.

After the course

Upon completing the course, participants will receive a certificate issued by the EDR Program. Course graduates will join prior course participants as EDR Fellows. The EDR Fellows network, along with EDR course instructors, will provide an opportunity for continued coaching and support for graduates after they complete the course.

Application

To apply for the EDR Collaboration Certificate Course, please complete the online application form by the deadline (available at <https://forms.gle/iMhLBTvQZ6TQr9B8>).

Applications are due April 19, 2022. Participants will be selected and notified by May 6, 2022. We will select participants to create a cohort representing a range of stakeholder groups. For more information, please contact Emily Gaines Crockett, EDR Program Manager, at emily.crockett@law.utah.edu.