

MICHIGAN COURT MEDIATOR REQUIREMENTS

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.

Visit courts.mi.gov/mediation-training-dates for a list of upcoming training programs approved by the State Court Administrator.

	General Civil (MCR 2.411)	Domestic Relations (MCR 3.216)	Child Protection Mediation (MCR 3.970)
Training	Successful completion of a training program approved by the State Court Administrator providing the generally accepted components of mediation skills.	Successful completion of a training program approved by the State Court Administrator providing the generally accepted components of domestic relations mediation skills.	Successful completion of a general civil or domestic relations mediation training program approved by the State Court Administrator providing the generally accepted components of mediation skills; and Successful completion of a 15-hour advanced training program on child protection mediation practice and an 8-hour training program on domestic violence screening approved by the State Court Administrator.
Mediation Observation	Observation of two general civil mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator. Conduct one general civil mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.	Observation of two domestic relations mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator. Conduct one domestic relations mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.	Observation of two general civil or domestic relations mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator. Conduct one general civil or domestic relations mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.
Education	To serve on a Michigan court civil mediation roster you must have one or more of the following: (i) Juris doctor degree or graduate degree in conflict resolution; or (ii) 40 hours of mediation experience over two years, including mediation, comediation, observation, and role-playing in the context of mediation.	To serve on a Michigan court domestic relations mediation roster you must (i) be a licensed attorney, a licensed or limited licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and family therapist; (ii) have a master’s degree in counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy; (iii) have a graduate degree in a behavioral science; or (iv) have 5 years experience in family counseling.	To serve on a Michigan court roster you must have one or more of the following: (i) Juris doctor degree, graduate degree in conflict resolution or a behavioral science, or 5 years of experience in the child protection field; or (ii) 40 hours of mediation experience over two years, including mediation, comediation, observation, and role-playing in the context of mediation.
Continuing Education	Approved mediators are required to obtain 8 hours of advanced mediation training during each 2-year period.	Approved mediators are required to obtain 8 hours of advanced mediation training during each 2-year period.	Approved mediators are required to complete 8 hours of advanced mediation training during each 2-year period.