

Professional Mediation Training Course

Institute for Conflict Management
Haarlem



Dear Madam/Sir:

The Institute for Conflict Management is a training centre that focuses on courses, training and coaching of professionals in the conflict management environment. There is a need for professional mediators.

The Institute for Conflict Management has been accredited by the Netherlands Mediation Institute (NMI) since 1994. From its inception, The Institute for Conflict Management has been closely associated with the development of conflict management in The Netherlands.

The Institute is directed by Mrs. Linda Reijerkerk (MA) and Mr. Maarten Bakker. They are the core training team, supplemented by fifteen professional trainers from various disciplines, e.g., lawyers and psychologists. The composition of each instructional team is determined by the requirements of each particular course.

We see mediation as an alternative to standard procedures in the court of law or via standard plaintive procedures. The mediator enables the parties to resolve their own differences. Life experience and empathy are essential qualities for people fulfilling the role of mediator. Theoretical understanding, structure and specific mediation skills are also required.

The craft of the mediator is important. We wish to contribute to developing a pool of professional mediators with a wide variety of skills, to apply their skills at various levels in society. We have therefore developed several standardised mediation courses and complementary skills training courses. The above courses can also be tailored to specific company or personal requirements. We are also actively involved in furthering the quality of mediation in The Netherlands and abroad.

For further information please contact our office: +31 23 5323196 or visit our website: www.cvc.nl

Goals and entry requirements

The Professional Mediation Training Course is meant for:

- Executives and counselors in companies and organizations, officials of personnel departments
- Executives and counselors in educational or health institutions
- Officers, in public or administrative functions
- Lawyers, notaries, lawyers, legal assistants in the broadest sense
- Psychologists and professional helpers
- Those who want to enhance their mediation skills in their current or future position

The focus of this training course will be Business Mediation and HRM.

The maximum number of participants for each training group is sixteen. Selection is based on a personal biography and a letter stating the applicant's motivation, if necessary followed by an intake interview with the course management. The minimum level of education is Higher Vocational Education (HBO in the Netherlands) or equivalent. Furthermore, in the interest of a balanced group composition, age and experience may play a role in admission. In general, participants should have at least five years of relevant working experience.

Objectives of the course

- Get acquainted with the scope and activities of a professional mediator
- Integrate these activities in the (working) environment of the participants
- Develop tools for the mediator
- Structure the mediation process
- Discover and develop individual specific qualities
- Develop a professional attitude and ethics
- Gain insight into possibilities and limitations of mediation
- Acknowledge the position of mediation alongside other options for handling conflicts

Structure and content

The program of the **Professional Mediation Training Course** extends over a period of approximately six months. The Institute for Conflict Management Haarlem chooses a diversified approach, which allows the students to have enough time to carry out homework and assignments, to study and to practice skills during the course.

The Mediation Course comprises five two-day blocks of two consecutive days, plus one intervening day that focuses on legal issues. In addition, between every block, participants meet for intervision sessions, meaning small groups of students from the same region who meet to discuss progress, prepare assignments, ask questions, and practice via role playing. The total (study)time amounts to approximately seventy-eight hours under supervision and fifty additional hours without supervision and guidance. These non-supervised hours include the intervision meetings, which are a requirement for the successful completion of the course.

Program Professional Mediation Training Course

The Blocks 1, 2, 4 or 5 are each devoted to a stage in the mediation process. Block 3 has a skills focus:

1. Intake
2. Exploration
3. Block 3 is dedicated to specific skills
4. Negotiation
5. Completion

Block 1 Intake: Main subjects

- A. Coping with conflict
- B. Position of mediation within Alternative Dispute Resolution
- C. Role of communication
- D. 'Getting started'; first phase of the mediation process

Formulate individual learning objectives, plan work preparation, review relevant literature, format working groups, discuss practice, practice assignments

Block 2 Exploration: Main subjects

- A. Structure and strategy of mediation
- B. Exploration phase (second phase)
- C. Communication skills
- D. Angles of handling conflict, escalation and de-escalation

And further, discuss assignments, present literature, practice assignments

Block 3 Exploration continued

Exploration continued, dealing with emotions in mediation, and the 'rescue' triangle, escalation model parent/adult/child, feedback, caucus (if that was not discussed in block 2), vignettes (difficult situations), interest (differences), turnover (the three questions)

Legalities

Legal Aspects of Mediation in the Netherlands

Block 4 Negotiation: Main subjects

- A. Negotiating: The Harvard Method
- B. Let negotiate (third phase)
- C. Communication Skills

Discuss assignments, provide assignments

Block 5 Completion: Main subjects

- A. Closure of the mediation process
- B. Graduation: individual performance test of mediation by all students, presentations, individual evaluation, presentation of diplomas, the next steps.

Method

Participants receive a syllabus which is compiled by the Institute for Conflict Management Haarlem. They also receive a bibliography with required and recommended reading. The course alternates regularly between the discussion of theory and the practice of concrete skills. Real-life cases introduced by participants are also used. DVD's of national and international mediators are analyzed. By subdividing the participants into regional working groups, an intervision system is created, which in many cases proves to be a source for future professional activities in the field of mediation .

Recognition and graduation

The Professional Mediation Training Course of the Institute for Conflict Management Haarlem, is an accredited training by the Netherlands Mediation Institute.

Since Mediation at this moment is not yet a legally protected activity or title, anyone can open a practice as mediator. To register at the Netherlands Mediation Institute, however, a multiple choice exam is required. More about the entry requirements can be found at the NMI website at www.nmi-mediation.nl

After successful completion of the course (block 5), the CvC institute informs the NMI that the participants have graduated. Participants will then receive an invitation from NMI to participate in the examination (*kennistoets*). Currently the exam is only provided in Dutch, but we did ask the NMI to consider a test in English. Participants will be kept informed on the progress of this initiative as it develops.

The Institute for Conflict Management Haarlem provides participants with a Professional Mediation Training Certificate if the participants succeed in meeting the following criteria: sufficient positive assessment by the professional trainers on attitude, commitment, and attendance. In addition, a pilot mediation has to be performed, and at least one mediation report has to be written during the course.

The Dutch Bar Association has recognized the Course Conflict Mediation in the context of the Permanent Education.



Professional trainers

A selection of the following consultants/trainers will be engaged in the project:

Mr Dick Allewijn
Mr Maarten Bakker
Mrs Nicolette Bremerkamp
Mr Theo van Dijk
Mrs Corine de Jong
Mr Machteld Pel
Mrs Linda Reijerkerk
Mrs Marga Schreuder-Tromp
Mr Jacques de Waart

All professional trainers can demonstrate a long record of training experience combined with practical experience in the field of mediation. Most trainers combine a practice in mediation with the profession of trainer/consultant. The basic trainers were nearly all educated by the Institute for Conflict Management Haarlem and followed an intensive internal traineeship before starting as trainer.

Dates and times

The course has been scheduled for the following dates in 2010:

Dates

Block 1: 26 & 27 April
Block 2: 18 & 19 May
Block 3: 7 & 8 June
Block 4: 23 & 24 June
Legalities: 28 June
Block 5: 5 & 6 July

Time (for all days):

9.00 – 9.30 hrs	Welcome with coffee
9.30 – 13.00 hrs	Training with short coffee break in-between
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 17.00 hrs	Training with short coffee break in-between
17.00 hrs	Closure

Venue

The course will take place at Octagon and CvC Haarlem:

Octagon	CvC Haarlem
Laan Copes van Cattenburch 62	Jansweg 40
2585 GC Den Haag	2011 KN Haarlem

Costs

The costs for this course, including reader, hand-outs and accommodation costs and excluding literature amounts € 4900,-.

Cancellation Policy

- Cancellation of registration only applies to the full course and is not possible for parts of the course
- Only written cancellation will be accepted
- In case of cancellation up to six weeks before the start of the course, an administration fee amounting to € 115, - is charged
- For cancellation within six weeks to one month before the start, 1/3 of the total course fee will be charged
- For cancellation within one month before the start, 1/2 of the total course fee will be charged
- Participants should attend a minimum eighty percent of the course to fulfill graduation requirements
- If participants miss parts of the course for valid reasons, they can consult the trainer to discuss how to make up for the missing sessions

Registration

Registration is possible by filling out the attached registration form. This form can be sent to the following address:

Centrum voor Conflicthantering
(Institute for Conflict Management Haarlem)
Jansweg 40
2011 KN Haarlem

Or mail to: s.peters@cvc.nl

Contact

For further information about the course you may contact Simone Peters, Manager at the Institute for Conflict Management in Haarlem at telephone: +31 (0)23 5323196 or e-mail: s.peters@cvc.nl, or Theo van Dijk, Head-trainer of this Professional mediation training course, telephone: +31 (0)71 3601753/e-mail: theo.vanDijk@planet.nl

We look forward to welcoming you at the course!

Subscription form Professional Mediation Training Course (BMC1-2010)

Title	
Initials	
First Name	
Middle Name:	
Last Name:	
Date of Birth: dd-mm-yyyy)	
Gender: male female	
Home Address:	
Home postcode and city:	
Home phone:	
Organization:	
Organization Address:	
Organization zip code and city:	
Organization Phone:	
Organization Fax:	
Billing Address:	
Billing Address (if different)	
Billing zip code and city:	
Mobile:	
E-mail:	
Function / job:	

Along with the information above, we kindly ask you to provide a **CV** and **short letter stating your motives for following the course** (1/2 A4) and a **photo**.

I have read and accept the terms of the **Cancellation Procedure**: yes no

Date:

Place:

Signature:

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