Training course on Mediation and Conflict Resolution

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Legal Institute	**Duration**	5 Days
Base Fee	$1,500 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental **dynamics of conflict** and its various manifestations.
2. Apply advanced **communication skills** to de-escalate and manage difficult conversations.
3. Formulate effective **negotiation strategies** for achieving win-win outcomes.
4. Master core **mediation techniques** for guiding parties towards resolution.
5. Understand the principles of **ethical mediation** and professional conduct.
6. Conduct thorough **conflict assessments** to diagnose underlying issues.
7. Facilitate **collaborative problem-solving** in multi-stakeholder disputes.
8. Recognize and manage **power imbalances** and emotional dynamics in conflict situations.
9. Explore the application of mediation in **specialized contexts** (e.g., workplace, family, community).
10. Design basic **dispute resolution systems** within organizations.
11. Develop strategies for **conflict prevention** and early intervention.
12. Integrate principles of **restorative justice** into conflict resolution practices.
13. Enhance personal and professional **interpersonal skills** for effective engagement.

Target Audience

This course is ideally suited for a wide array of professionals and individuals who regularly encounter or manage conflict and aspire to resolve disputes constructively:

1. **Human Resources Professionals:** Managers, specialists, and employee relations personnel.
2. **Managers and Team Leaders:** Individuals responsible for overseeing teams and resolving internal disputes.
3. **Legal Professionals:** Lawyers, paralegals, and legal advisors interested in ADR.
4. **Social Workers and Counselors:** Professionals working with individuals, families, and communities in conflict.
5. **Educators and School Administrators:** Teachers and leaders addressing student or staff conflicts.
6. **Community Leaders and Organizers:** Individuals facilitating dialogue and resolving disputes within communities.
7. **Customer Service and Client Relations Professionals:** Those handling complaints and resolving customer issues.
8. **Anyone** seeking to improve their personal and professional skills in managing and resolving conflicts peacefully.

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Course Modules

Module 1: Understanding Conflict Dynamics

- What is Conflict? Definitions, Perceptions, and Realities
- Types of Conflict: Interpersonal, Intragroup, Intergroup, Organizational, Societal
- Sources and Causes of Conflict: Communication Breakdown, Values, Interests, Resources, Structure
- Conflict Styles and Responses: Avoiding, Accommodating, Competing, Compromising, Collaborating
- The Dynamics of Conflict Escalation and De-escalation

Module 2: Essential Communication Skills for Conflict Resolution

- Active and Empathic Listening: Techniques for Deep Understanding
- Effective Questioning: Open-ended, Probing, Clarifying, and Hypothetical Questions
- Non-Verbal Communication: Reading and Managing Body Language and Tone
- Expressing Needs and Feelings Assertively (I-Statements)
- Overcoming Communication Barriers in Conflict

Module 3: Negotiation Strategies and Tactics

- Introduction to Negotiation: Positional Bargaining vs. Interest-Based Negotiation
- The Harvard Principled Negotiation Model: Separate People from Problem, Focus on Interests, Invent Options, Insist on Objective Criteria
- Best Alternative to a Negotiated Agreement (BATNA) and Worst Alternative (WATNA)
- Dealing with Difficult Negotiation Tactics and Power Imbalances
- Ethical Considerations and Building Trust in Negotiation

Module 4: Introduction to Mediation: Principles and Process

- What is Mediation? Definition, Goals, and Core Principles (Voluntariness, Confidentiality, Neutrality, Impartiality)
- The Role and Qualities of an Effective Mediator

- The Stages of the Mediation Process: Intake, Opening Statement, Fact-Finding, Issue Identification, Option Generation, Negotiation, Agreement Drafting
- Different Models of Mediation: Facilitative, Evaluative, Transformative
- Benefits and Limitations of Mediation as an ADR Mechanism

Module 5: Core Mediation Techniques and Interventions

- Reframing and Neutralizing Language to Create Common Ground
- Summarizing and Paraphrasing for Clarity and Understanding
- Brainstorming and Generating Creative Solutions
- Managing Emotions and High-Conflict Behaviors in Mediation
- The Use of Caucuses (Private Meetings) and Shuttle Diplomacy

Module 6: Specialized Applications of Mediation

- Workplace Mediation: Resolving Employee-Employer Disputes, Team Conflicts
- Family and Divorce Mediation: Child Custody, Property Division, Communication
- Community and Public Policy Mediation: Multi-Stakeholder Dialogues, Environmental Disputes
- Cross-Cultural and Intercultural Mediation: Navigating Cultural Differences in Conflict
- Introduction to Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) for Mediation

Module 7: Ethical Considerations and Professional Practice in Mediation

- Mediator Ethics: Impartiality, Confidentiality, Competence, Self-Determination
- Managing Conflicts of Interest and Dual Roles
- Professional Standards, Codes of Conduct, and Certification for Mediators
- Self-Reflection and Continuous Learning for Conflict Resolution Practitioners
- Building a Professional Mediation Practice

Module 8: Dispute Systems Design and Conflict Prevention

- Introduction to Dispute Systems Design (DSD): Analyzing and Improving Existing Systems
- Developing Integrated Dispute Resolution Systems within Organizations
- Strategies for Early Conflict Identification and Intervention
- Promoting a Culture of Constructive Conflict Engagement and Resolution
- Implementing Conflict Prevention Measures and Training Programs

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
- **Post-Training Support:** Access to online forums, mentorship, and continued learning resources.

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Certification

Upon successful completion of this training, participants will be issued with a globally recognized certificate.

Tailor-Made Course

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Key Notes

- Participants must be conversant in English.
- Upon completion of training, participants will receive an Authorized Training Certificate.
- The course duration is flexible and can be modified to fit any number of days.
- Course fee includes facilitation, training materials, 2 coffee breaks, buffet lunch, and a Certificate upon successful completion.
- One-year post-training support, consultation, and coaching provided after the course.
- Payment should be made at least a week before the training commencement to Fineskill Training Center account, as indicated in the invoice, to enable better preparation.

Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Online	$1,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$1,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$4,500
23 Nov 2026	27 Nov 2026	Physical	$6,000
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