

Guidance to Mediation Mediator-in-Training Supervisors

Effective June 1, 2019, FDRIO no longer requires Family Dispute Resolution Professional (FDRP) certification applicants to submit redacted Mediation Summary Reports (MSR) as part of their application for certification.

This document provides guidance to Mediator-In-Training Supervisors to ensure that the certification candidates they are supervising and attest for have met the requirements to satisfy FDRIO's certification standards.

Mediator-In-Training Supervisors who provide a letter in support of a candidate will need to attest that:

1. The applicant has completed (as a supervised mediator or co-mediator) no fewer than five (5) mediations including drafting a Mediation Summary Report.
2. The applicant has achieved better than average proficiency in their knowledge and application of the following:
 - a. Professionalism and ethics
 - b. Effective communication skills
 - c. Intake preparation
 - d. Identifying, assessing and managing power imbalance and IPV
 - e. Intake meetings including screening and use of screening tools
 - f. Process design and management skills
 - g. Safety planning and safe termination skills
 - h. Knowledge and application of appropriate referrals to legal and other services
 - i. Rights of Children
 - j. Non-directive regarding outcomes
 - k. Drafting skills and understanding of open and closed mediation
 - l. File management skills
 - m. Client correspondence skills
 - n. Overall judgement
3. The supervisor is confident that the student has achieved a sufficient standard of competency generally and is recommended for certification.

In addition to the above attestations, the supervisor will add any other pertinent information about the applicant's skills or experience that speaks to their competence and suitability for FDRIO Certification.