



CERTIFICATE COURSE • ADMISSIONS OPEN

Certificate Course on Mediation

“Transforming Conflict into Consensus”

A three month, 160 hour programme in mediation and alternative dispute resolution, with special emphasis on the Mediation Act, 2023, court annexed mediation and community mediation.

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MONTHS

160

TOTAL HOURS

10

MODULES

40

SEATS PER BATCH

Trained mediators for a state that resolves, not litigates

Mediation works when the mediator is trained. This course exists to build that competence, systematically and at scale.

The Certificate Course on Mediation is a comprehensive curriculum on mediation, alternative dispute resolution and dispute resolution, jointly offered by Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur and the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority. It runs over three months and carries 160 hours, blending theoretical instruction with extensive practical training and live observation of mediation proceedings.

The objective is to develop mediators with strong communication, negotiation, ethical, psychological and

settlement facilitation skills, so that participants move from classroom understanding to confident practice. Learning is built through role plays, simulations and observation rather than lectures alone.

The course is conducted under a Memorandum of Understanding executed between MPSLSA and DNLU in June 2026 for collaboration in mediation education, training, research and capacity building, and follows the guidelines of the Mediation and Conciliation Project Committee (MCPC), Supreme Court of India.



The Memorandum of Understanding between the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority and Dharmashastra National Law University, signed at Jabalpur on 22 June 2026.

80

HOURS

Theory Sessions

Classroom instruction across ten modules covering law, principles, psychology, communication, negotiation and ethics.

40

HOURS

Practical Training

Simulations and role plays that build hands-on skill in family, commercial, community and online mediation.

40

HOURS

Observation & Field Exposure

Observation of live proceedings, institutional visits and interaction with senior mediators and MCPC trainers.

WHY THIS COURSE

Built for people who already sit with disputes, and now need the method

The Mediation Act, 2023

Pre-litigation mediation is now a statutory expectation. The course teaches the Act as practitioners must apply it.

Court annexed practice

Participants observe live court annexed and pre-litigation mediation, not case studies alone.

Community reach

A dedicated inclusive batch provision and community mediation focus extend access beyond the courtroom.

Joint certification

The certificate is issued jointly by the University and the State Legal Services Authority.

WHO CAN APPLY

Eligibility

The course is open to graduates in any discipline from a recognised university who have a minimum of three years of experience working with communities, in legal services, social work, community development, public administration, education, civil society organisations, dispute resolution or allied fields.

MINIMUM AGE

25 years on the date of admission

MAXIMUM AGE

Ordinarily 65 years

INTAKE PER BATCH

Ordinarily 40 participants

Where eligible applications exceed the intake, selection is made by a Selection Committee constituted jointly by MPSLSA and DNLU, with preference ordinarily accorded to the following.

Retired Judicial Officers

Advocates

Mediation & Dispute Resolution Professionals

Legal Aid & Social Work Experience

Longer Community Experience

Forty seats to a batch

The number of seats is limited to forty. Where the applications received and shortlisted exceed the seats available, the remaining shortlisted candidates are considered for the next cohort of the course. The application fee and the course fee are both non-refundable.

Course Plan

Ten modules across three months: 80 hours of theory, 40 hours of practical training and 40 hours of observation and field exposure.

MONTH I

FOUNDATIONS

01

MODULE

Introduction to ADR & Mediation

Foundations of ADR, the Mediation Act 2023, and how mediation differs from litigation, arbitration, conciliation, Lok Adalat and panchayat.

02

MODULE

Principles of Mediation & Learning Skills

Neutrality, impartiality, confidentiality and party autonomy, alongside adult learning techniques and mediator ethics.

03

MODULE

Legal Framework of Mediation

Section 89 CPC, the Mediation Act 2023, pre-litigation and court annexed mediation, enforcement and landmark judgments.

04

MODULE

Psychology of Conflict & Resolution

Human behaviour, emotional intelligence, conflict escalation, trust building and managing stress and anger in disputes.

MONTH II

SKILLS

05

MODULE

Communication Skills in Mediation

Active listening, paraphrasing, summarising, neutral reframing, questioning techniques and body language.

06

MODULE

Negotiation, Bargaining & Techniques

Negotiation styles, interest based bargaining, the stages of mediation, joint and separate sessions, settlement drafting.

07

MODULE

Impasse Management, Ethics & Standards

Breaking deadlocks through reality testing and lateral thinking, plus ethical standards and accreditation of mediators.

MONTH III

PRACTICE

08

MODULE

Practical Training & Specialised Mediation

Hands-on mediation across family, matrimonial, commercial, labour, consumer, community, online and institutional disputes.

09

MODULE

Drafting & Documentation

Drafting settlement agreements, memoranda of understanding and legally enforceable, confidential mediation records.

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MODULE

Observation, Simulation & Field Exposure

Live and online observation, mock sessions, institutional visits, interaction with senior mediators and project work.

PRACTICAL COMPONENT

Observation and Practical Hours

Suggested distribution of the 40 hours of observation, field exposure and practical simulation.

Live and court annexed mediation observation	16
Pre-litigation and community mediation observation	08
Online mediation observation	04
Institutional visits and interaction sessions	04
Role plays, mock sessions and assessments	08

EVALUATION

Assessment Pattern

Written examination	50%
Practical examination	20%
Project and practical training	20%
Attendance and class participation	10%

CERTIFICATION

What it takes to be certified

- 1 Attendance**
Minimum prescribed attendance across theory, practical and observation components.
- 2 Written examination**
Pass the end-of-course written examination carrying 50 percent weightage.
- 3 Practical assessment**
Demonstrate mediation skill in a supervised mock session before assessors.
- 4 Project submission**
Submit the project and observation record within the prescribed timeline.

On meeting the prescribed academic and attendance requirements, participants receive a certificate jointly issued by MPSLSA and DNLU, bearing the signatures of the Vice-Chancellor of DNLU and the Member Secretary of MPSLSA.

Fees and Important Dates

APPLICATION FEE

₹500

payable by every candidate when applying

This fee covers processing of the application. It is not the course fee, and it is non-refundable.

TOTAL COURSE FEE

₹7,000

for the entire course

Payable only by candidates who are selected, who will be informed separately. Applicable to General and OBC candidates. SC and ST candidates pay a concessional fee of ₹6,000 on production of a valid caste certificate.

Application fee (payable with the application)	₹500
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General & OBC	₹7,000
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SC & ST (concessional)	₹6,000
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Examination & certificate	Included
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Hostel & mess	Payable separately
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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Important dates

22 JUNE 2026

MoU executed

MPSLSA and DNLU sign the Memorandum of Understanding for collaboration in mediation education and training.

9 AUGUST 2026

Applications open

Online registration for the first batch opens.

AUGUST 2026

Selection list published

Selection by a committee constituted jointly by MPSLSA and DNLU.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Classes commence

Orientation followed by Month I theory modules.

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2026

Assessment & certification

Written and practical examinations, project submission and award of the joint certificate.

Delivery, hostel and facilities

Sessions are held at Dharmashastra National Law University, Jabalpur, with the observation component at the courts and institutions where mediation takes place.



Seminar hall, DNLU Jabalpur: theory sessions and mock mediation.



University library: ADR collection and digital databases.

Mode of delivery

Offline sessions at DNLU, Jabalpur with online and practical components as determined under MCPC guidelines.

Hostel & mess

Available on campus on a first-come-first-served basis, subject to availability. Charges payable separately; fee payment does not guarantee allotment.

Library & resources

Access to the University library, ADR databases and the digital reading list for the duration of the course.

Accessibility

A batch may be conducted for the hearing and speech impaired community, with at least ten percent of seats, four seats, for eligible applicants from that community. Interpretation and accessibility support can be arranged for that batch.

HELPFUL INFORMATION

Frequently asked questions

What is the duration of the course?

Three months, totalling 160 hours: 80 hours of theory, 40 hours of practical training and simulations, and 40 hours of observation of mediation proceedings, field exposure and institutional visits.

What is the fee and when does the course begin?

An application fee of ₹500 is payable when you apply. The course fee is ₹7,000 for General and OBC candidates and a concessional ₹6,000 for SC and ST candidates on production of a valid caste certificate, and it is payable only by candidates who are selected, who will be informed separately. Both the application fee and the course fee are non-refundable. Applications open on 9 August 2026 and the first batch commences in September 2026 with an intake of ordinarily 40 participants.

Is the fee refundable?

No. The application fee of ₹500 and the course fee are both non-refundable, including where a shortlisted candidate is carried forward to the next cohort or chooses not to take up an offered seat.

PEOPLE

Leadership and Team

The course is guided by the judiciary of Madhya Pradesh and delivered by MCPC-trained mediators and university faculty.



PATRONAGE

Hon'ble Shri Justice Vivek Rusia

Acting Chief Justice, High Court of Madhya Pradesh

Executive Chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority

COURSE DIRECTORS



Smt. Suman Shrivastava

Member Secretary, Madhya Pradesh
State Legal Services Authority



Prof. (Dr.) Manoj Kumar Sinha

Vice-Chancellor, Dharmashastra
National Law University, Jabalpur

COURSE COORDINATION

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All queries relating to admission, eligibility, fee payment and course administration may be addressed to the Course Coordinator.

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FACULTY AND RESOURCE PERSONS

Sessions are taken by a mix of MCPC-trained mediators, serving and retired judicial officers, university faculty, senior advocates and behavioural specialists.

MCPC-Trained Mediators

Practical modules, mock sessions and
impasse management.

Judicial Officers

Court annexed mediation, referral
practice and enforcement.

Behavioural Specialists

Psychology of conflict, emotional
intelligence and communication.

ADMISSIONS

How to Apply

Applications are made online in four short steps. Only the application fee is payable at this stage.

1

Your details

Name, contact details, date of birth, city and applicant category, as they should appear on the certificate.

2

Qualification

Degree, discipline, university, year of award, sector of community work and years of experience, with the four documents below.

3

Application fee

Pay ₹500 on the University payment page, then record the transaction reference, the date and the amount, and upload the receipt.

4

Review and submit

Check every entry, accept the declaration and submit. An acknowledgement carrying your application reference is generated for you to print or save.

Documents to keep ready

Each document is uploaded separately, as a PDF, JPG or PNG of not more than 5 MB.

Degree certificate

Experience proof

Photograph

Identity proof

APPLY ONLINE

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The registration form, the full prospectus and the payment link are on the course website. The application fee is taken on the University payment page.

ENQUIRIES

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The admissions office is open on all working days between 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM.



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