

## Amended Mediator Certification Qualifications

*In Re AOSC20 – 24 Amendment One,  
ADR Educational and Certification Requirements  
Valid from April 7, 2020 – December 31, 2021*

<b>Requirements for County, Family, Circuit, Dependency and Appellate Certification</b>	
County	<b>Minimum Points:</b> 30 certified county mediation training; and 10 education for HS Diploma or GED. <b>= 40 points</b>
Family	<b>Minimum Points:</b> 30 certified family mediation training; and 25 educational / mediation experience; and 15 additional points via mentorship, higher education, mediation experience, or options under miscellaneous points. <b>= 70 points</b>
Dependency	<b>Minimum Points:</b> 30 certified dependency mediation training; and 25 educational / mediation experience; and 5 additional points via mentorship, higher education, mediation experience, or options under miscellaneous points. <b>= 60 points</b>
Circuit	<b>Minimum Points:</b> 30 certified circuit mediation training; and 25 educational / mediation experience; and 15 additional points via mentorship, higher education, mediation experience, or options under miscellaneous points. <b>= 70 points</b>
Appellate	There are no modifications to appellate mediator certification. An applicant must be a certified circuit, family or dependency mediator and successfully complete a certified appellate mediation training program.

## Educational & Mediation Experience Points for Family, Circuit, and Dependency

[Note: County Education Minimum Listed on Previous Page]

40 points	Ph.D. from accredited CR Program
30 points	Doctorate (e.g., JD, MD, PhD, EdD, LLM)
30 points	Master's Degree in Conflict Resolution
25 points	Master's Degree
25 points	Graduate Certificate Conflict Resolution Program <b>AND</b> a Bachelor's Degree
25 points	Mediated 15 cases ( <i>of any type</i> ) a year as a Florida certified mediator for a consecutive 5 year period <b>AND</b> a Bachelor's Degree
25 points	Minimum of 100 mediations ( <i>of any type</i> ) conducted as mediator over a consecutive 5 year period <b>AND</b> a Bachelor's Degree

## Mentorship Options: You Choose How to Reach Required Points

[Note: Must work with at least 2 different certified mediators and must be completed for the type of certification sought.]

5 points each session	Observation
10 points each complete mediation	Supervised Mediation

## Miscellaneous Options: Helping You Reach 100 Points

5 points (total)	Licensed to practice law, psychology, accounting, social work, mental health, health care, education, or mediation in any US jurisdiction
5 points (total)	Florida Certified Mediator ( <i>currently certified</i> )
5 points (total)	Foreign Language Conversational Ability as demonstrated by certification by ACTFL Oral Proficiency Test; qualified as a court interpreter; or accredited by the American Translators Association; Sign Language Interpreter as demonstrated by approval by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf
5 points (total)	Completion of additional mediation training program (minimum 30 hours in length) certified/approved by a state or court other than Florida

**All mediators must be at least 21 years of age and be of good moral character.**

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#### **Question: Will I need mentorship points?**

1. I am seeking county mediator certification, am I required to earn mentorship points?  
Answer: No, mentorship points are not required for mediator certification retroactively from April 7, 2020 through December 31, 2021.
  
2. I am seeking family [or circuit] certification; I am a Florida Bar member. Am I required to earn mentorship points?  
Answer: Perhaps. Between training, your JD degree, and Florida Bar membership, you will earn 65 points and 70 points are required. Unless you are entitled to other miscellaneous points, you will have to earn 5 points in mentorship.
  
3. I am seeking circuit [or family] certification; I am a Florida Bar member. Am I required to earn mentorship points?  
Answer: Same answer as question two.
  
4. I am seeking family [or circuit] certification. I have a bachelor's degree and mediation experience. I am not licensed by any other profession. Am I required to earn mentorship points?  
Answer: Yes. Between training and your degree and experience, you will earn 55 points and 70 points are required. Unless you are entitled to other miscellaneous points, you may have to earn up to 15 points in mentorship.
  
5. I am seeking circuit [or family] certification. I have a master's degree and am licensed as a mental health professional. Am I required to earn mentorship points?  
Answer: Perhaps. Between training, your master's degree, and licensure, you will earn 65 points and 70 points are required. Unless you are entitled to other miscellaneous points, you may have to earn 5 points in mentorship.
  
6. I am seeking circuit [or family] certification. I am a Florida Bar member and I am already a certified mediator. Am I required to earn mentorship points?  
Answer: No, between your training, degree, Florida Bar membership, and current mediator certification, you will have 70 points which is the minimum requirement.