



Environmental Dispute Resolution Program
Collaboration Certificate Course
Online Professional Training

Apply by April 30, 2023
Limited scholarships available

Environmental, natural resource, and public policy issues are ecologically, politically, culturally, and emotionally complex. Not only do they usually cross jurisdictional boundaries, affect diverse stakeholders, and involve multiple institutions; they also typically involve high levels of uncertainty and complicated science. As a result, they are often contentious and controversial.

Collaborative efforts that meaningfully engage diverse agencies and stakeholders have considerable potential to help involved parties work through conflict to co-create and implement mutually-beneficial, effective solutions. The 7-session Collaboration Certificate Course, offered by the Wallace Stegner Center's Environmental Dispute Resolution (EDR) Program at the S.J. Quinney College of Law, teaches mid- and upper-level professionals working on environmental, natural resource, and public policy issues the "art and science" of collaborative problem-solving through lectures, case studies, peer-to-peer sharing, discussion, and simulation exercises. Participants will put the concepts and skills learned through the course into action in a real-life setting by conducting a situation assessment project.

The course will be delivered virtually via highly interactive and engaging sessions that emphasize peer-to-peer learning and networking.

Course participants will acquire:

- Awareness and skills to help them harness the co-creative potential of conflict and participate in multi-party collaborative processes;
- Techniques that will help them identify opportunities for collaborative problem-solving, as well as skills for convening, facilitating, and sustaining collaborative efforts; and
- Experience assessing whether a situation is ready for a collaborative approach.

Instructors

- Danya Rumore is the Director of the EDR Program. She holds a Ph.D. in Environmental Policy and Planning and has over 15 years of experience in stakeholder engagement, consensus building, and collaborative process design in the context of environmental, natural resource, and public policy issues.
- Nedra Chandler is the Associate Director of the EDR Program. She has facilitated more than 300 complex environmental and public policy conflicts in the US and has served as a mediator/third party facilitator on the Udall Foundation's National Roster of Environmental Conflict Resolution Professionals since its inception.
- Guest lecturers with experience working on collaborative efforts will also contribute to the course.

Course Schedule

The course will consist of a 1-day introductory session, five 2-day instruction sessions, and a 1-day graduation session. All sessions will be delivered virtually via Zoom. Course materials will be distributed using the CANVAS platform.

| Session | Dates and Times | Topics |
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| Session 1 | Sept 7, 2023 (9am-3pm) | Introductions, expectations, and core skills |
| Session 2 | Sept 27, 2023 (9am-5pm) Sept 28, 2023 (9am-3pm) | Introduction to collaboration and key concepts |
| Session 3 | Oct 25, 2023 (9am-5pm) Oct 26, 2023 (9am-3pm) | Interest-based negotiation and other key skills for collaborative problem solving |
| Session 4 | Nov 15, 2023 (9am-5pm) Nov 16, 2023 (9am-3pm) | Assessing opportunities for collaboration |
| Session 5 | Dec 13, 2023 (9am-5pm) Dec 14, 2023 (9am-3pm) | Different contexts of and approaches to environmental, natural resource, and public policy collaboration |
| Session 6 | Jan 10, 2024 (9am-5pm) Jan 11, 2024 (9am-3pm) | Facilitation skills, adaptive leadership, and self-leadership |
| Session 7 | Mar 13, 2024 (9am-5pm) | Graduation session – Situation Assessment Project presentations |

Tuition

Tuition for the EDR Collaboration Certificate Course is \$1,600. Limited scholarships are available.

Requirements

- Course participants must attend all sessions and complete a situation assessment project in order to receive a certificate. They are encouraged to consult with their employer when applying to this course to ensure that they will be able to reserve the necessary time to prepare for and attend class sessions.
- Participants will need to prepare for each session by reviewing assigned materials (readings, videos, etc.) before class. This will amount to ~2-5 hrs of preparation for each session.

After the course

Upon completing the course, participants will receive a certificate issued by the EDR Program. Course graduates will join prior course participants as EDR Fellows. Graduates will also have the opportunity to become members of the Collaborative Leadership Network, which provides continued education, coaching, and connection among individuals who have completed an intensive EDR Program training or coaching program.

Application

To apply for the Collaboration Certificate Course, visit <https://squinney.utah.edu/stegner-center/edr>. Applications are due April 30, 2023. Participants will be selected and notified by May 8, 2023. We will select participants to create a cohort representing a range of stakeholder groups. For more information, please contact Emily Gaines-Crockett, EDR Program Manager, at emily.crockett@law.utah.edu.