MICHIGAN COURT MEDIATOR REQUIREMENTS

The State of Michigan does not have state level mediation certification process requirements for the practice of mediation. For those persons interested in serving on a court roster, application should be made to individual circuit courts and not to the SCAO.

Visit courts.mi.gov/mediation-training-dates for a list of upcoming training programs approved by the State Court Administrator.

	General Civil (MCR 2.411)	Domestic Relations (MCR 3.216)	Child Protection Mediation (MCR 3.970)
Training	**Successful** completion of a training program approved by the State Court Administrator providing the generally accepted components of mediation skills.	**Successful** completion of a training program approved by the State Court Administrator providing the generally accepted components of domestic relations mediation skills.	**Successful** completion of a general civil or domestic relations mediation training program approved by the State Court Administrator providing the generally accepted components of mediation skills; and **Successful** completion of a 15-hour advanced training program on child protection mediation practice and an 8-hour training program on domestic violence screening approved by the State Court Administrator.
Mediation Observation	**Observation** of two general civil mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator. **Conduct** one general civil mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.	**Observation** of two domestic relations mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator. **Conduct** one domestic relations mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.	**Observation** of two general civil or domestic relations mediation proceedings conducted by an approved mediator. **Conduct** one general civil or domestic relations mediation to conclusion under the supervision and observation of an approved mediator.
Education	To serve on a Michigan court civil mediation roster you must have one or more of the following: (i) Juris doctor degree or graduate degree in conflict resolution; or (ii) 40 hours of mediation experience over two years, including mediation, comediation, observation, and role-playing in the context of mediation.	To serve on a Michigan court domestic relations mediation roster you must (i) be a licensed attorney, a licensed or limited licensed psychologist, a licensed professional counselor, or a licensed marriage and family therapist; (ii) have a master's degree in counseling, social work, or marriage and family therapy; (iii) have a graduate degree in a behavioral science; or (iv) have 5 years experience in family counseling.	To serve on a Michigan court roster you must have one or more of the following: (i) Juris doctor degree, graduate degree in conflict resolution or a behavioral science, or 5 years of experience in the child protection field; or (ii) 40 hours of mediation experience over two years, including mediation, comediation, observation, and role-playing in the context of mediation.
Continuing Education	Approved mediators are required to obtain 8 hours of advanced mediation training during each 2-year period.	Approved mediators are required to obtain 8 hours of advanced mediation training during each 2-year period.	Approved mediators are required to complete 8 hours of advanced mediation training during each 2-year period.