

# CHAMPLAIN COLLEGE

## Graduate Studies



ONLINE

## Master of Science Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies

In a world full of complex disputes, professionals with constructive conflict engagement skills have never been more in demand. Conceived and constructed by mediation and conflict intervention professionals, Champlain College's Master of Science in Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies (MSM) will give you the education you need to be skilled and confident in conflict engagement and resolution in a wide variety of professional and personal settings.

Originally developed at Woodbury College in 1984 and transferred to Champlain College in 2008, this groundbreaking degree pioneered a practice-based approach to advanced mediation education. The MS in Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies is an intensive exploration of the skills and theory of the continuum of response to conflict, including mediation, facilitation, conflict analysis, consultation and negotiation. The program incorporates face-to-face learning through two residencies, as well as fieldwork and online course work.

Champlain's MS in Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies serves as a cornerstone for leading-edge reflection in the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) field by emphasizing rigorous competency- and inquiry-based learning, a relevant theoretical foundation, integration of the person with the practice, and the opportunity for professional specialization.

Electives in the program provide opportunities to customize your graduate education in ways that support advancing your career interests.

### Online Graduate Certificate

**GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN APPLIED CONFLICT STUDIES** This 18-credit certificate is designed for people who are looking to develop conflict resolution skills for any profession. It incorporates many of the same courses as the MS in Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies, but allows you to gain the certificate credential faster than you could the whole degree program; it takes one year to complete. Should you choose to pursue the master's program, you may apply the certificate coursework credit to the master's requirement.

## PROGRAM PROFILE

### FORMAT

Combines the convenience of online instructor-led scheduling (24/7 access to instruction and assignment; highly collaborative through discussion, chat and email) with face-to-face learning and practice during residencies

### PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Julian Portilla

### PROGRAM HISTORY

Originally conceived and developed in 1984 at Woodbury College and acquired by Champlain College in 2008

### ANNUAL CYCLE & COURSE DURATION

Five 8-week terms per year; begin coursework in September, January and May

### REQUIRED CREDIT HOURS

42 credit hours

### DEGREE COMPLETION

#### TIME FRAMES

Minimum: 16 months (two courses in seven successive 8-week terms for 42 credit hours) / Maximum: 6 years (variable, customizable program track)

### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT

10 total days of on-site Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies Residency Experience in Burlington, VT, required, divided between two separate residency sessions

### GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Annually in May, Champlain College, Burlington, VT

### ACCREDITATION

Champlain College is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

## CONTACT US

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### RESIDENCY EXPERIENCE

Champlain's Mediation students take part in two highly engaging on-campus residencies (January and May) for a total of 10 days. Residency provides a space for rich, in-depth face-to-face practice of principles and theories, through a variety of mediation and conflict resolution simulations, as well as professional development sessions with graduate students from other Champlain programs. For those seeking additional face-to-face time with students and instructors, we also offer an additional option to take a four-day residency as an elective.

### CURRICULUM

#### REQUIRED COURSES

- Negotiation\*
- Interpersonal Conflict\*
- Conflict Intervention Skills\*
- Principles of Conflict Analysis\*
- Fieldwork and Specialization I\*
- Reflective Practice/Comparative Models
- Culture, Race and Gender in Conflict Interventions
- Ethics for Conflict Resolution Professionals
- Fieldwork and Specialization II
- Systems and Conflict
- Mediation Labs

#### CHOOSE ONE ELECTIVE

- Organizational Conflict
- Facilitation
- Family Mediation/Divorce Mediation

\*CERTIFICATE CURRICULUM:  
Curriculum listings for our certificate program can be found at [champlain.edu/msm](http://champlain.edu/msm).

NOTE: Courses are subject to change. Please visit [champlain.edu/msm](http://champlain.edu/msm) for latest updates to this curriculum.

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## Program Benefit Highlights

**EXPLORE AND PRACTICE REAL-WORLD CONFLICT-RESOLUTION SKILLS** Champlain's mediation program features a strong theoretical foundation in online classes and interactive online mediation simulations, coupled with intensive hands-on experience through our two distinctive residency programs. You will emerge with a solid grounding and experience with best practices in this important field.

**DEVELOP PRACTICAL SKILLS FOR ANALYZING AND MANAGING CONFLICT** Your Champlain MS in Mediation & Applied Conflict Studies degree will deliver lasting knowledge on how to develop a coherent and disciplined analysis of conflict, and create an intervention plan for working with key stakeholders, issues and dynamics identified in the analysis. Additionally, you will learn the techniques for mediations and conflict engagement documentation and writing.

**BECOME A "WHOLE PRACTITIONER"** You will be guided to learn to use "self as instrument," learning how to leverage your authenticity, genuineness and trustworthiness in order to best serve the parties in conflict.

**GET HELP BUILDING YOUR PROFESSIONAL MEDIATION NETWORK** Our faculty will guide you in establishing a network of professional contacts and affiliations that will enhance your career options.

**LEARN FROM INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN MEDIATORS** Our faculty are highly respected mediation and conflict resolution professionals. They bring to the program their experiences working in a myriad of mediation settings in the U.S. and internationally.

### Start Today!

**REGISTER FOR AN ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION:** Hear directly from the program director and an admissions representative as they explain what makes Champlain's approach so effective. [champlain.edu/msm/InfoSession](http://champlain.edu/msm/InfoSession)

**ADMISSION:** Applications accepted year-round; begin in any of the three Start Terms: September, January and May. For information or application call toll-free: **(866) 282-7259** or visit: [champlain.edu/msm-admissions](http://champlain.edu/msm-admissions)