



PENNSYLVANIA COUNCIL OF MEDIATORS

BASIC MEDIATION TRAINING

May 13 – 14, 2026 and May 19 – 21, 2026

In keeping with PCM’s mission to promote the use of mediation through education and skill building, we are pleased to offer a “Basic Mediation Training” consisting of a total of (32) hours.

Program Description

This (32) hour virtual-format “Basic Mediation Training” provides participants with an introduction to the theory, ethics, and practice of facilitative mediation. Designed for attorneys, professionals, students, and community members interested in developing conflict resolution skills, the training covers the mediation process from intake through closure. Participants will learn core mediation techniques—including active listening, reframing, managing emotion, identifying interests, and generating options—while gaining a grounding in ethical issues that arise in mediation practice. The course features interactive learning through demonstrations, small-group exercises, and role plays coached by experienced mediators, allowing participants to practice mediating and co-mediating simulated cases. By the end of the training, participants will have the skills to conduct or assist in basic mediations in community, court-connected, organizational, or private settings. Further training may be necessary to become a competent solo mediator in certain legal and/or complex cases.

- **Sessions:** May 13 – 14 (4:00 – 8:00 p.m.); May 19 – 21 (9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- **Interactive and Practice-Based:** Each day includes lecture, small-group discussion, skills demonstrations, and **substantial role-play time**.
- **Live Zoom Format:** All sessions conducted in real time with breakout rooms for simulation and feedback.
- **Integrated Ethics:** Ethics concepts are integrated into daily activities and examples, qualifying for **2 CLE ethics credits**.
- **Mediation Coaches:** Experienced practitioners will coach and observe role plays in breakout sessions.
- **Mentors:** Participants successfully completing the training will be linked with an experienced Mediator as a resource.

About the Presenter



Clymer D. Bardsley, JD, is a mediator, trainer, and educator who has spent more than a decade helping individuals, organizations, and courts resolve complex disputes. He is President of Bardsley Resolution, where he mediates family, special education, employment, and organizational conflicts and provides training in mediation, negotiation, and conflict management. Clymer teaches Mediation and Arbitration at Drexel University's Kline School of Law and Adaptive Negotiation and Mediation at Columbia University's Teachers College.

Before starting his own practice, Clymer trained and mediated for Good Shepherd Mediation Program. He has trained mediators and conflict practitioners nationally and internationally and has mediated matters in courts, schools, community organizations, and federal agency contexts. He serves as a mediator for the Pennsylvania Office of Dispute Resolution, ADR Vantage, and is on the Board of Pennsylvania Council of Mediators and Association for Conflict Resolution – Greater Philadelphia.

COST & REGISTRATION

\$650.00	Regular Registration
\$450.00	Early Bird Registration (register by May 8, 2026)
\$250.00	For Students and Public Service professionals

To register contact: Amanda Allis at info@pamediation.org