Environmental Dispute Resolution Program
Collaboration Certificate Course (CCC)
Online Professional Training

Apply by April 22, 2024
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 (CCC), 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 put the concepts and skills learned through the course into action in a real-life setting by conducting a situation assessment project.

The CCC is 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 for identifying 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.
- Emily Gaines-Crockett is the Program Manager for the EDR Program. She holds a Master's degree in Environmental Science. Prior to joining the EDR Program, she worked in environmental conservation, education, and communication.
- Guest lecturers with experience working on collaborative efforts will also contribute to the course.

Course Schedule

The CCC will consist of a 1-day introductory session, five 2-day instruction sessions, and a 1-day graduation session at the dates and times listed below (Mountain time zone). All sessions will be delivered virtually via Zoom. Course materials will be distributed via the online learning platform Canvas.

Session	Dates and Times	Topics
Session 1	Sept 26, 2024 (9am-3pm)	Introductions, course expectations, and core skills
Session 2	Oct 9, 2024 (9am-5pm) Oct 10, 2024 (9am-3pm)	Introduction to collaboration and key concepts
Session 3	Oct 30, 2024 (9am-5pm) Oct 31, 2024 (9am-3pm)	Interest-based negotiation and other key skills for collaborative problem solving
Session 4	Nov 13, 2024 (9am-5pm) Nov 14, 2024 (9am-3pm)	Assessing opportunities for collaboration
Session 5	Dec 4, 2024 (9am-5pm) Dec 5, 2024 (9am-3pm)	Formal collaborative processes and collaborative process design
Session 6	Dec 18, 2024 (9am-5pm) Dec 19, 2024 (9am-3pm)	Facilitation skills, adaptive leadership, and self-leadership
Session 7	Jan 16, 2025 (9am-5pm)	Graduation session – situation assessment project presentations

Tuition

Tuition for the CCC is $1,600. Limited scholarships are available.

Requirements

- Course participants must attend all sessions, complete all pre-work in Canvas, complete a situation assessment project, and demonstrate sufficient mastery of the course content in order to receive a certificate of completion issued by the EDR Program. They are encouraged to consult with their employer when applying to the CCC 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.) and completing online quizzes before class. This will amount to ~2-4 hrs of preparation for each session.

After the course

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive a certificate of completion 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. Additionally, CLE credit may be available for those in the legal profession.

Application

To apply for the Collaboration Certificate Course, visit https://www.law.utah.edu/stegner-center/edr/edr-collaboration-certificate-course/. Applications are due April 22, 2024. Participants will be selected and notified by May 10, 2024. 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.