

Temporary Teaching Assistant for Child Protection Mediation Workshop : FEBRUARY 26, 27, 28 2010 Waterloo, Ontario

This 3-day workshop, approved by the Ministry of Children & Youth Services, will focus on the issues involved in child protection mediation in Ontario. Participants will acquire: understanding of a model for mediation in child protection cases; knowledge of communications and emotion management skills in the child protection context; and appreciation of the Child and Family Services Act and its changes in the recent past. For more information about the workshop visit the [website www.oafm-cpmed.ca](http://www.oafm-cpmed.ca)

The workshop will be taught to a group of 10-15 participants using a combination of lectures, group discussions and relevant, hands-on practice through case examples, scenarios, role plays and skills exercises. Participants will be evaluated through instructor/teaching assistant observation and a written knowledge test. To successfully complete the course, participants must achieve a passing grade in both components.

TA Duties:

Administrative examples:

- assigning pre-developed case examples,
- organizing small group composition for varied role plays
- operating the technical devices such as Powerpoint, DVD etc
- keeping the site administrator advised of changes in daily schedule etc
- problem solving operational errors
- assistant to course instructor

Evaluation examples:

- of practice skills demonstrated in experiential role plays
- scoring the written knowledge test
- collaboration with workshop instructor re the Pass/No Pass grade assignment

Teaching skills:

- comfort with giving accurate, concise, and concrete constructive feedback
- skilled small group facilitation
- professionally responsive to participant information queries and testing challenges
- experience and skill in a teaching role capacity

Time Requirements:

- pre-workshop prep by telephone (probably 2-3 sessions)
- workshop attendance each day
- evening review and prep for next day
- scoring the tests

Payment: \$ 1500.00 total

Hotel accommodation, travel, and a food allowance will be covered with submitted receipts

Qualified applicants :

- **must be a rostered Child Protection Mediator under OAFM**
- **have relevant and sufficient work experience with CP mediation cases**

The intent is that over time and with further exposure to the CPM workshop that the TA could be approved as a CPM course instructor. In reviewing applications the committee may appoint more than one person who will be eligible as a TA in future workshops

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- a cover letter specifically outlining a) your competency in the above TA duty areas and b) highlights of your mediation experience which contribute to your teaching knowledge and skill , especially in relation to case numbers, scope, and diverse outcomes.
- a current CV

Successful applicants will be selected by a committee composed of representatives from the provincial Ministry of Children & Youth Services, the CPM Steering Committee, and an external person knowledgeable about the course content and training. There will be no interviews and candidates will be advised of the outcome by December 31.