



# CHC81115 Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution 2022

The CH81115 Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution (FDR) is designed to prepare students for practice as a Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP).

The qualification is based on current theory and practice and enables students to develop:

- knowledge, skills and build competence for the practice of FDR under the Family Law Act (1975)
- an analytical reflective capacity as an FDRP.

## Course topics

- FDR context and process
- Family violence
- Intake and assessment
- Family law and the obligations of FDRPs
- Children and parenting matters in FDR
- Property and financial matters in FDR
- Ethics and inclusive FDR practice

## Applications

Applications for this course can be submitted online via the website listed below. After you have registered your interest in this course, a RAV RTO staff member will contact you with further information about enrolment and to organise an interview prior to acceptance into the course.

## Contact us

Call (03) 8573 2222  
Email [ravtraining@rav.org.au](mailto:ravtraining@rav.org.au)  
[www.rav.org.au/GradDipFDR](http://www.rav.org.au/GradDipFDR)

## The role of an FDRP

FDRPs provide structured processes and facilitated negotiations for families about parenting, financial and property matters related to a separation process.

An FDRP's role includes providing information, undertaking intake and assessment around the suitability of the FDR process and capacity of families to participate, management of the FDR process and tailoring of it to individual needs.

## Format

The Graduate Diploma of FDR runs for one year over two semesters.

### Semester one:

- Blended model with online learning modules, live and recorded webinars and blocked face-to-face skills workshops, and a field trip.

### Semester two:

- a 50-hour work placement, where students will actively work with clients in a supervised environment
- five, half-day placement seminars which provide students with the opportunity to present and discuss cases.

Students also undertake additional reading and research in preparation for assessment tasks.

## Intakes

- Intake 1: Starts on 16 February 2022
- Intake 2: Starts on 27 July 2022

## Accreditation

Following successful completion of the Graduate Diploma, students will be qualified to:

- practice in the area of FDR
- apply for accreditation under the National Mediator Accreditation System (NMAS)
- register as an FDRP with the Australian Government's Attorney-General's Department.

## Fees

\$13,390 (payable by instalment).

Please refer to the RTO Program Manual: *Fees, Charges and Refunds Policy* on our website.

## VET Student Loans

This course is an Australian Government VET Student Loan-approved course. Please visit [www.rav.org.au/GradDipFDR](http://www.rav.org.au/GradDipFDR) for more information.

## Want to know more?

Do you have a burning question you want to ask before applying?

We offer free, 45-minute *Learn More* webinars, during which our experienced course facilitators provide information about this course, address any questions you may have, and assist you to make a decision. Register at [www.rav.org.au/accredited-training](http://www.rav.org.au/accredited-training)



## Entry requirements

To gain entry into the Graduate Diploma a candidate must have one of the following:

- an undergraduate degree or higher qualification in psychology, social work, law, conflict management, dispute resolution, family law mediation or equivalent, or
- accreditation under the National Mediator Accreditation System, or
- the mediation skill set from the Community Training Package, or
- ability to provide documented evidence of previous experience in a dispute resolution environment in a job role involving:
  - self-directed application of knowledge with substantial depth in some areas
  - exercise of independent judgement and decision-making
  - a range of technical and other skills

## Recognition of Prior Learning

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) enables students to have their existing skills and knowledge relating to FDR acknowledged and status granted where appropriate.

This is available for people with extensive and relevant experience in family law, mediation, counselling or family and domestic violence.

To apply for RPL, you will need to provide evidence of the competencies needed for FDR by completing our RPL Application and Assessment Form, which we can provide on request. For more information, please refer to the RTO Program Manual.

## Trainers

The Graduate Diploma is delivered by highly experienced and currently practising FDRPs, who have worked in a range of organisational and private practice contexts. Trainers have current training and assessment qualifications and relevant industry experience.

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## Modules

### Semester one: online learning modules and skills workshops

#### *Foundations of FDR Practice*

- Module 1 Family Dispute Resolution
- Module 2 Family Violence
- Module 3 Intake/Assessment

#### *Children and Parenting Matters in FDR*

- Module 4 Post-Separation Parenting
- Module 5 Family Law and Parenting FDR

#### *Property and Financial Matters in FDR*

- Module 6 Context of Property FDR
- Module 7 Property FDR Process

#### *Ethics and Inclusive FDR Practice*

- Module 8 Diversity and Vulnerability in FDR
- Module 9 Ethical FDR practice
- Module 10 Bringing it all together

### Semester two: work placement

- Fully arranged and supported work placement in a service providing FDR to clients. Each student is matched with a centre and specific accredited FDRP supervisor.
- Students will participate in a minimum of 50 hours of client and case support work.

Please visit [www.training.gov.au](http://www.training.gov.au) for detailed information on the course units.

## Unique Student Identifier

From 1 January 2015, students undertaking nationally accredited training with RAV (i.e. enrolling into VET courses) will need to set up a Unique Student Identifier (USI) and provide this to RAV's administration team via email.

RAV is required to record and verify a USI for each student.

More information and assistance in applying is available at [www.usi.gov.au](http://www.usi.gov.au)

## Units of competency

- CCHCDFV001 Recognise and Respond Appropriately to Domestic and Family Violence
- CHCDFV008 Manage Responses to Domestic and Family Violence in Family Work
- CHCDFV013 Manage Domestic and Family Violence Screening and Risk Assessment Processes
- CHCFAM001 Operate in a Family Law Environment
- CHCFAM002 Work with a Child-Focused Approach
- CHCFAM007 Assist Clients to Develop Parenting Arrangements
- CHCDSP001 Facilitate Dispute Resolution in the Family Law Context
- CHCDSP002 Adhere to Ethical Standards in Family Dispute Resolution
- CHCDSP003 Support the Safety of Vulnerable Parties in Family Dispute Resolution
- CHCPRP006 Lead Own Professional Development

## About us

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) is a specialised provider of family and relationship services in Victoria, and a leading training provider with national and international expertise.

We provide high-quality research and evidence-led training to further develop your skills and experience, based on over 70 years' experience in relationship counselling, conflict management, family relationships, family dispute resolution, couple therapy and parenting education.

We can deliver a broad range of training solutions across a variety of topics related to relationships and families.

*Relationships Australia Victoria acknowledges the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the Traditional Owners of the lands and waterways of Australia.*

*We support Aboriginal people's right to self-determination and culturally safe services.*

