



CHC81115 Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution 2023

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

This is a theory, practice and evidence-based qualification. Students will gain knowledge, skills and competence to practice FDR under the Family Law Act (1975), and develop the capacity to analyse and reflect as an FDRP.

The role of an FDRP

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

They provide information, undertake intake and assessment around the suitability of the FDR process and the capacity of families to participate, manage the process and tailor it to individual needs.

More than **80%**

of graduates found a role in this profession within 12 months

Detailed course information, policies and procedures are available in our RTO Program Manual on our website.

Contact us

Call (03) 8573 2222
Email ravtraining@rav.org.au
Visit rav.org.au/GradDipFDR

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.

Format

The Graduate Diploma of FDR runs for one year over 2 semesters.

Semester one

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

Semester two

- A 50-hour work placement, where students work actively with clients in a supervised environment.
- 5 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.

2023 intakes

This course is delivered in Victoria (VIC) and New South Wales (NSW) with intakes starting on:

- 15 February (VIC)
- 22 February (NSW)
- 19 July (VIC)

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 accredited FDRP supervisor.

Students will participate in a minimum of 50 hours of client and case support work.

Visit www.training.gov.au for detailed information on the course units.



Registered Training Organisation (RTO) Number 21977

Relationships Australia
VICTORIA

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

Entry requirements

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

- an undergraduate degree or higher qualification in psychology, social work, law, conflict management, dispute resolution, family law mediation or equivalent
- NMAS accreditation
- the mediation skill set from the Community Training Package
- 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.

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Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

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.

Fees

\$13,390 (payable by instalment).

VET Student Loans

This Graduate Diploma is an Australian Government VET Student Loan-approved course.

Unique Student Identifier

From 1 January 2015, students undertaking nationally accredited training with Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) (i.e. enrolling into VET courses) will need to set up a Unique Student Identifier (USI) and email this to RAV's administration team. RAV is required to record and verify a USI for each student.

Visit www.usi.gov.au to learn more.

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.

Applications

You can apply for this course at rav.org.au/GradDipFDR

After you register your interest, we will contact you to provide more information about enrolment and organise an interview prior to acceptance into the course.

Find out more

Do you have a burning question you want to ask before applying? Join our experienced facilitators for a **free, 45-minute 'Learn More' webinar** where we'll share information about the course, answer any questions you have and help you to make a decision.

Visit rav.org.au/accredited-training/learn-more-grad-dip-fdr

About us

Relationships Australia Victoria (RAV) has an established reputation for delivering quality training, with national and international expertise, and over 70 years' experience delivering services across a range of areas related to family relationships.

As a Registered Training Organisation (RTO 21977), we provide quality higher education, vocational training and professional development in a range of areas relating to family dispute resolution, mediation and relationship counselling and education.

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.

