



MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

I. GENERAL MEMBERS

A. ACP Minimum Standards for Collaborative Lawyer Practitioners:

- (1) **Membership in good standing in the administrative body** regulating and governing lawyers in the lawyer's own jurisdiction.
- (2) **At least twelve hours of basic collaborative training** to be either:
 - (a) Collaborative law training; or
 - (b) Interdisciplinary collaborative training.
- (3) **At least one thirty hour training in client centered, facilitative conflict resolution**, of the kind typically taught in mediation training (interest based, narrative or transformative mediation programs).
- (4) In addition to the above, an accumulation or aggregate of **fifteen further hours of training in any of the following areas:**
 - (a) Interest-based negotiation training
 - (b) Communication skills training
 - (c) Collaborative training beyond minimum twelve hours of Initial
 - (d) Collaborative training
 - (e) Advanced mediation training
 - (f) Basic professional coach training.

B. ACP Minimum Standards for Collaborative Mental Health Practitioners:

- (1) Mental Health **professional license in good standing** in one of the following:
 - (a) PhD - Doctor of Philosophy
 - (b) Psy D - Doctorate of Psychology
 - (c) LCSW - Licensed Clinical Social Worker
 - (d) MFT - Marriage and Family Therapist
 - (e) RCC - Registered Clinical Counselor
 - (f) Psychiatrist
 - (g) LEP - Licensed Educational Psychologist
 - (h) LPC - Licensed Professional Counselor
 - (i) or equivalent in state, province or country

- (2) **Background, education and experience** in:
 - (a) Family systems theory
 - (b) Individual and family life cycle and development
 - (c) Assessment of individual and family strengths
 - (d) Assessment and challenges of family dynamics in separation and divorce
 - (e) Challenges of restructuring families after separation
 - (f) For child specialists: expertise in child development, clinical experience with a specialty focus on children and an in-depth understanding of children's unique issues in divorce.
- (3) At least **twelve hours of initial interdisciplinary collaborative training**.
- (4) At least **one thirty hour training in client centered, facilitative conflict resolution**, of the kind typically taught in mediation training (interest based, narrative or transformative mediation programs) is strongly recommended but not required.
- (5) In addition to the above, an accumulation or aggregate of **fifteen hours of training in any or all of the following areas**:
 - (a) Basic professional coach training
 - (b) Communication skills training
 - (c) Collaborative training beyond minimum twelve hours of initial
 - (d) collaborative training
 - (e) Advanced mediation training
- (6) **A minimum of three hours** aimed at giving the mental health professional a basic understanding **of family law in his/her own jurisdiction**

C. **ACP Minimum Standards for Collaborative Financial Practitioners**

- (1) **Professional license** or designation in good standing in one of the following:
 - (a) CFP - Certified Financial Planner
 - (b) CPA - Certified Public Accountant
 - (c) CMA - Certified Management Accountant
 - (d) CGA - Certified General Accountant
- (2) **Background, education and experience** in:
 - (a) Financial aspects of divorce
 - (b) Cash management and spending plans
 - (c) Retirement and pension plans
 - (d) Income tax
 - (e) Investments
 - (f) Real estate
 - (g) Insurance
 - (h) Property division
 - (i) Individual and family financial planning concepts
- (3) At least **twelve hours of basic interdisciplinary collaborative training**
- (4) In addition to the above, an accumulation or aggregate of twenty hours of education in the financial fundamentals of divorce giving the financial professional a basic understanding of family law in his/her own jurisdiction, including:

- (a) Divorce procedures
 - (b) Property - valuation and division
 - (c) Pensions and retirement plans
 - (d) Budgeting - income and expenses
 - (e) Child and spousal support
 - (f) Future income projections
 - (g) Financial implications of different scenarios for settlement
- (5) At least ***one thirty hour training in client centered, facilitative conflict resolution***, of the kind typically taught in mediation training (interest based, narrative or transformative mediation programs) is strongly recommended.
- (6) In addition to the above, an accumulation or aggregate of ***fifteen hours of training*** in any or all of the following areas:
- (a) Communication skills training
 - (b) Collaborative training beyond minimum twelve hours of initial
 - (c) collaborative training
 - (d) Advanced mediation training
 - (e) Basic professional coach training

II. Provisional Members:

- A. Any person in good standing within a profession or a career which advances the purpose of this association shall be eligible for Provisional membership provided that the training requirements outlined in section A are completed within twenty-four months of acceptance of their provisional membership. A Provisional member shall not having voting rights.**