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Practica in Dispute Resolution

**A partnership
between community
and education**



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The Practicum series occurs during the student's second year in their Master's or Ph.D. program. It is designated to be the stage in which students are able to bring together all of their educational experiences by applying theoretical models and perspectives to practice. These types of supervised practica assist prospective practitioners in building skills and the practical experience necessary for success in a variety of future employment situations.

Practica serves as a bridge between the theoretical and the practical, and it is the first opportunity students have to apply what they have learned to a real practice setting.

Three Dispute Resolution practica are required in the Master's program, while the Ph.D. program requires the same three practica for students who enter the program without a Master's in Dispute Resolution, plus a fourth additional practicum in Teaching and Training.

Practicum I is a lab simulation experience designed to prepare students for Practica II and III.

Practica II and III give students the opportunity to work in various settings for two consecutive semesters.

Students need to complete 150 hours of volunteer work between September and April.

The doctoral Teaching and Training in Dispute Resolution Practicum involves teaching and training opportunities in a variety of university and community settings.

Student practicum placements may be located at:

- ◆ Private Dispute Resolution Practices
- ◆ Various School Boards and Schools
- ◆ Various Colleges and Universities
- ◆ Social Service Agencies
- ◆ Corporations
- ◆ Human Resource Departments
- ◆ Health Organizations
- ◆ Ombudsman Offices
- ◆ Law Enforcement Agencies
- ◆ Courts
- ◆ Prisons
- ◆ Political Offices
- ◆ Attorney's Offices
- ◆ Youth Clubs and Camps
- ◆ Hotels



A student's practicum experience is a collaborative partnership between the placement agency and NSU. The students carry liability insurance purchased through the university, and they are closely supervised by their field supervisor as well as by NSU staff. Both the Practicum Instructor and the Practicum Coordinator work closely with the student and the agency to ensure that the placement is a rewarding experience for both parties.

Student interns trained in dispute resolution are a valuable resource for professionals who need additional help with their practices but who don't have the funds to hire staff. In many instances, our students are accomplished in other fields such as law and law enforcement, education and health. They have come to NSU for a post-graduate degree in Dispute Resolution (DR) in order to enhance their knowledge and skills to better serve our community at large.



How would I benefit from having a knowledgeable, talented student trained in negotiation, mediation, and conflict resolution?

Our students can provide:

- ◆ Training on cultural diversity and CR skills
- ◆ Negotiation assistance and mediation services
- ◆ Liaison between corporate offices and vendors or community
- ◆ DR systems assessment and design
- ◆ Collaborative problem solving suggestions

Join Nova Southeastern University in providing innovative educational programs that benefit future generations.

Become a field placement agency in dispute resolution. This commitment benefits your agency, our students and the community at large. It is an investment in our future.

**For further information
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