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Clinical Research in Mediation: the UWA Mediation Model

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THE UWA MEDIATION CLINIC

The UWA (University of Western Australia) Mediation Clinic
was established in 2018.



UWA MEDIATION CLINIC

THE AIM

The aim was to provide a platform for students, practitioners, researchers and educators to learn, practice and serve.

The intention was to provide or establish:

- a free and low-cost mediation service;
- a place for mediators and lawyers to develop their mediation skills and offer pro-bono services;
- a research clinic to build the evidence-based practice of mediation in Australia;
- partnerships with industry partners and the courts;
- a Clinical Legal Education (CLE) unit for law students for credit; and
- Master's courses and PhD research projects with other disciplines at UWA.

WHAT ACTUALLY TRANSPired

- a specialist **mediation service**
- a place for mediators and lawyers to develop their mediation skills and offer pro-bono services
- **a research clinic**
- *partnerships with industry partners and the courts*
- **A Mediation Practice and Skills** unit for law students for credit
- *More psychologists coming into the courses. Less lawyers. Family Dispute Resolution as a discipline?*

EVOLUTION

The 2025 UWA Mediation Clinic has evolved from traditional beginnings into an innovative hub of clinical research, a place for community of practice, a dedicated training centre, and the beginnings of an international centre for mediation and diplomacy.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR MEDIATION AND DIPLOMACY



COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE

UWA launches new community of practice hub for conflict resolution

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The University of Western Australia is building bridges in the field of mediation with the launch of the UWA Mediation Clinic Community of Practice.

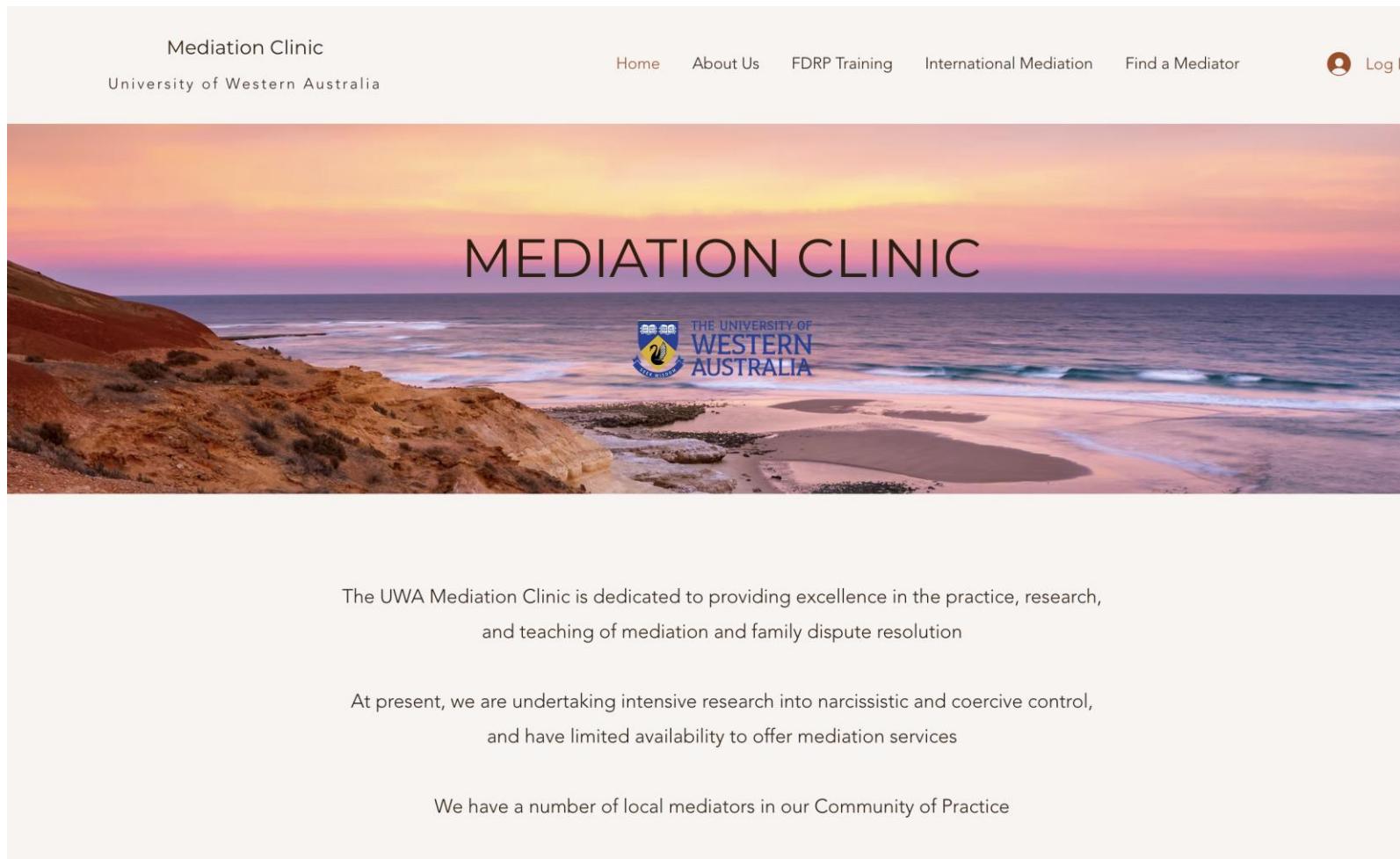
"By working together we can elevate the standards of mediation practice and build a supportive community that thrives on shared knowledge and mutual respect."

Professor Jill Howieson, UWA Law School and Clinic Director

The new hub will serve as a central space for Western Australian mediators to exchange insights, resources and tips for practice, fostering a collaborative environment for advancing mediation practices across the state.



A DEDICATED TRAINING CENTRE



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MEDIATION CLINIC



The UWA Mediation Clinic is dedicated to providing excellence in the practice, research, and teaching of mediation and family dispute resolution

At present, we are undertaking intensive research into narcissistic and coercive control, and have limited availability to offer mediation services

We have a number of local mediators in our Community of Practice

Our Services

AMDRAS Training, Conflict Resolution Skills Short-courses, FDRP Training

We work closely with the UWA Law School and the Mediation Training Institute Australia (MTIA) to offer internationally recognised courses, including National Mediation Accreditation (AMDRAS), Family Dispute Resolution (FDRP), and a range of conflict resolution skills or dispute resolution courses that can be tailored to the needs of your organisation or workplace.

These courses are open to staff, alumni, community members, and professionals from a range of disciplines.

Please see our course brochures below:

- ↓ [AMDRAS course brochure \[PDF, 412 KB\]](#)
- ↓ [FDRP course brochure \[PDF, 1 MB\]](#)

Upcoming courses 2025/26

National Mediation Re-accreditation Day (AMDRAS) – Online – October 2025	▼
National Mediation Accreditation (AMDRAS) – Face-to-Face 7-day Intensive – October 2025	▼
National Mediation Accreditation (AMDRAS) – Face-to-Face 7-day Intensive – January 2026	▼
Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP) Training – 9 Feb – 4 July 2026	▼
National Mediation Accreditation (AMDRAS) – 2 nights/week for 5 weeks – Face-to-Face (April/May 2026)	▼

CLINICAL CASE STUDY RESEARCH



LESSONS LEARNED

- ❖ Evolution - from research, practice and training back to training and research.
- ❖ Integrity – maintaining the model of practice.
- ❖ Patience – they will come.

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Thank you very much.