



QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
FACULTY OF LAW

New Family Dispute Resolution Offerings
To become an accredited FDRP to issue s60I certificates

The QUT Faculty of Law is offering two new four day Family Dispute Resolution offerings at our Gardens Point campus in Brisbane city. They will provide knowledge and practical skills and are aimed at family law professionals from law or social science backgrounds. Successful completion of both units will:

- Provide equivalent learning to the compulsory units of the Vocational Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution to gain accreditation with the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department to become a family dispute resolution practitioner ('FDRP') and issue s60I certificates (note that competency will not be achieved until a minimum of 10 hours of supervised mediation is completed independently by participants, including work in family violence) AND
- Meet the education and training requirements of the Australian National Mediator Standards, Approval Standards (November 2008) and entitle participants to apply for national mediator accreditation with the Australian Mediation Association (provided you meet the indemnity and insurance requirements).

Note: Both units can also be studied as 'stand alone' masters units/short courses for already accredited FDRPs seeking professional development. FDRPs are required to complete 24 hours of professional development hours every 2 years, to maintain their FDRP accreditation. This is pursuant to regulation 14 of the Family Law (Family Dispute Resolution Practitioners) Regulations 2008 (Cth).

The following are the new units in our Master of Laws LW51 course. They can also be undertaken as short courses:

LWN204 Family Dispute Resolution (20-23 September 2012 9am-5pm)

This unit will cover areas such as how family courts deal with children's issues, family dispute resolution processes, negotiation and mediation models, the role of the FDRP and legislative obligations, family, child and separation dynamics, communication and conflict resolution skills, issues for vulnerable parties and the dynamics of domestic violence. Participants will commence to learn how to conduct family mediations.

LWN206 Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner Skills (4 days in semester 1, 2013, dates to be advised)

This unit will cover areas such as how family courts deal with property and spousal maintenance issues, child support, mediator impartiality and ethics, child-focused and child-inclusive practice, legal issues in mediation, mediation standards and the drawing up of agreements. Participants will gain more experience in how to conduct family mediations and be provided with feedback from experienced FDRPs.

If you undertake these units as masters units or short courses and are seeking FDRP and national accreditation you will be required also to listen to podcasts, participate in any online activities and participate in the full assessment schedule as required by the Family Law (Family Law Dispute Resolution Practitioners) Regulations 2008 (Cth) and the Australian National Mediator Approval Standards.

Lecturers

The units will be co-presented by:

Donna Cooper LLB(QIT), LLM (QUT) Donna is a Senior Lecturer in the Law School and teaches in family law and dispute resolution. Donna is an accredited FDRP and a nationally accredited mediator with the Australian Mediation Association. She is a member of the Legal Aid Queensland Conference Chairperson Panel and of the Queensland Law Society Family Law Specialist Accreditation Committee. Donna is a co-author of the family law text, A Harland et al, *Family Law Principles* and her publications are available at http://eprints.qut.edu.au/view/person/Cooper,_Donna.html

Jenny Felton BA/BSocWk(UQ) Jenny is a Lecturer in the School of Public Health and Social Work. She has a background as a social worker with a great deal of experience working in the family law system. Jenny teaches in areas such as communication and conflict management. She is an accredited FDRP, nationally accredited mediator with the Australian Mediation Association and a Practitioner Member of LEADR. She is a member of the Legal Aid Queensland Conference Chairperson Panel, a sessional member of QCAT and a member of the QCAT ADR Committee. Jenny is also a coach and assessor with Bond University, Dispute Resolution Centre, Faculty of Law.

Information on units as part of the Master of Laws:

Venue:	Gardens Point Campus, 2 George Street, Brisbane.
Cost per unit 2012:	\$1872
Closing date for semester 2 enrolment:	15 June 2012
For further information see:	http://www.qut.edu.au/study/courses/master-of-laws under “units” and then “additional units not included in a majors list”
Masters unit enrolment enquiries:	Mungo Crawford m2.crawford@qut.edu.au (Ph 3138 2305)

Other units that may be of interest in the QUT LLM (and are subject to availability):

LWN000 Negotiation
LWN198 Advocacy and Financial Disputes in Family Law
LWN144 Contemporary Issues in Child Law
LWN083 Estate Planning
LWN195 Elder Law
LWN199 Australian & Comparative Human Rights Law
LWN048 Advanced Legal Research

Information on units as short courses:

Venue:	Gardens Point Campus, 2 George Street, Brisbane.
Cost per person 2012:	\$2,040.00 (this price includes GST)
Enquiries:	Email law.corporate@qut.edu.au or phone (07) 3138 2839
Registration:	Email cpe@qut.edu.au or phone (07) 3138 9320

For further information about the content of the family dispute resolution units please email Donna Cooper on d.cooper@qut.edu.au or phone on 3138 1094 or Jenny Felton on j.felton@qut.edu.au or 3138 4727.