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USask Law offers Family Law micro-credential

The first micro-credential course offered by the University of Saskatchewan College of Law (USask Law) is aimed at family law practitioners.

The course is entitled Family Justice 1: Conflict Engagement, Conflict Resolution and Communication, instructed by Charmaine Panko, KC, collaborative lawyer and mediator. The course is designed to equip family law practitioners and family service providers with essential skills in conflict engagement, resolution, and effective communication. It will be a blend of asynchronous online learning and interactive weekly synchronous sessions, culminating in a hybrid final session, meaning students will be able to attend online or in-person.

The course begins on September 8, 2025, and registration is \$500.

Each week there will be learning materials to explore and module activities and assignments to complete within the online learning platform.

There will also be mandatory live Zoom sessions on Thursday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm (Saskatchewan time). These Zoom sessions are opportunities to practice and demonstrate the skills explored within each module. Visit the registration page.

Participants will delve into family conflict dynamics, apply negotiation and mediation techniques, and develop comprehensive resolution plans, all while enhancing their ability to communicate complex legal information clearly and empathetically.

The course is particularly timely, addressing the new requirements in Saskatchewan's family court system that mandate family dispute resolution processes and meeting a critical need in the legal community to equip practitioners and ensure they are well-prepared to facilitate family law and justice in a meaningful way.

Course format prioritizes flexibility

Course delivery format aims to accommodate diverse student needs and preferences. Each week, students will engage with online modules that include readings, interactive activities, and discussion forums to foster engagement and deeper understanding. The weekly live online sessions facilitate micro-skills practice, Q&A, and socialized learning.

Students will receive ongoing assessments through quizzes, assignments, and peer to peer constructive feedback to ensure they are grasping the material.