



ONLINE STUDENT CAMPUS
FOR SELF-PACED LEARNING
TOUR GUIDE

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WELCOME TO SELF-PACED LEARNING!

CECM Self-Paced Workshops are available for attendees to work through whenever and wherever they like.

Each workshop is broken up into a series of lessons that can be worked through one at a time until the workshop is complete. Instructions are provided for each lesson, with the links and files needed to complete the lesson.

At the end of each lesson, some form of verification tool (most typically a brief quiz) is used to confirm that the lesson has been successfully completed.

If a workshop attendee has a question or concern, they are encouraged to email their instructor. Instructors aim to reply within 3 days.

You register for a CECM Self-Paced Workshop just as you would any other CECM Workshop. Navigate to the workshop you are interested in from the Workshops menu of our website, add the workshop to your cart and complete the payment process.

Once your registration has been processed, you will receive an enrollment email that will provide you with your user name and password, along with a link to the CECM Online Student Campus for Self-Paced Learning (<https://www.c4ecm.ca/workshops/selfpaced>). If you experience any problems, please log out and log back in at this link.

CECM ONLINE STUDENT CAMPUS FOR SELF-PACED LEARNING

CECM Online Student Campus for Self-Paced Learning

CECM Self-Paced Workshops are available 24/7 for attendees to work through at their leisure.



On the CECM Online Student Campus for Self-Paced Learning page, navigate to the box below and enter your user name and password.

Registered? Login here.

Remember Me

[Forgot your username?](#)

[Forgot your password?](#)

Your login credentials should have been emailed to you after you registered for a self-paced workshop. Please contact us if you experience trouble.

This login box will either appear to the right of your screen or at the bottom of the page, based on the device and platform that you are using.

ACCESSING YOUR SELF-PACED WORKSHOP

Once you login to the CECM Online Student Campus for Self-Paced Learning, you will be directed to our Self-Paced Workshops page.

Self-Paced Workshops

Welcome to your CECM Self-Paced Workshop.

Click [here](#) for your full workshop agenda or on the button below and on the right to start your first lesson. Enjoy your learning experience!

Mediating with Self-Represented Parties

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20 lessons 5 hours Intermediate

Mediating with Self-Represented Parties Workshop

The dynamics of a dispute differ if one or more parties does not involve legal representation, an option that is becoming increasingly prevalent in this day and age. This workshop offers readings, activities and videos to focus on the unique challenges posed when mediation involves one or more self-represented parties.

Topics include: why someone opts to represent themselves, informed consent, buy-in, mediation agreements, consideration of a support person, how to handle an uneven playing field, participation options, process flexibility, legal advice and preparing for mediation.

Attendees can work through this 5 hour asynchronous workshop at their own pace. It is divided into ten 1/2 hour lessons, with a short quiz of three questions offered at the end of each lesson.

[▶ Start this class](#)

On this page, you can access your workshop is one of two ways...

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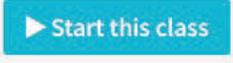
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If you click the “here” link, you will be taken to the home page of your workshop. There, you will see your workshop’s Table of Contents and can click on the link under Lesson 01 to get started.

Table of Contents	Description	Exercise files	Teacher
Lesson 01			
Why Self-Representation			
Quiz 1 of 10			
Lesson 01 - Quiz			
Lesson 02			
The Importance of Informed Consent			
Quiz 2 of 10			
Lesson 02 - Quiz			
Lesson 03			
Promotion, Payment & Buy-In			
Quiz 3 of 10			
Lesson 03 - Quiz			
Lesson 04			
The Agreement to Mediate			



If you instead click on the  button, you will be taken directly to the first lesson of the workshop.

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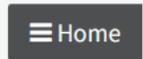
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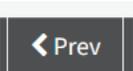
When in workshop lessons, you will see the following navigation options on the top of the page:



This button will take you back to the home page of your workshop



This button will advance you to the next lesson of your workshop



This button will return you to the previous lesson of your workshop

WARNING: If the next lesson you advance to is a quiz, the timer which tracks the time you have to complete the quiz will start to run. If you are not ready to take the quiz, select the Home or < Prev button to stop the timer.

LESSON EXERCISE FILES

Each lesson will provide a lesson introduction as prepared by your instructor. There may be links to certain resources contained within the introduction.

Underneath the introduction of each lesson are documents and other downloadable resources for you to gather to complete the lesson.

Note: When downloadable files are large (such as videos), your instructor may provide you with access options, such as a link to watch the video online and the video file to download. This allows you to avoid downloading large files should you so wish.

You are here: [Home](#) ▶ [Mediating with Self-Represented Parties Workshop](#) ▶ Why Self-Representation

Why Self-Representation

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A Fool For A Client

The purpose of this workshop's first lesson is to consider why a party chooses to participate in mediation on a self-represented basis.

There is an old adage that has been presented in varying ways and attributed to varying people which suggests that someone who represents themselves has a fool for a client. The notion is that it is not wise for one to represent themselves. While there is an argument to be made that the underlying purpose of a statement like this is a sales pitch for legal services, there are a variety of explanations that try to justify the sentiment. Perhaps the most compelling is that an individual personally involved in a dispute has trouble separating the emotional aspects of it, thus impacting their objectivity in evaluating their options. This is interesting, as many mediators often try to have parties who are represented speak for themselves at some points during the mediation process, to feel heard and to ensure that the process is being led in a productive manner. Nevertheless, the sentiment has existed for sometime that it is not a wise move to represent yourself.

Before we delve into best practices for mediators who find themselves working with self-represented parties, I invite you to first take a step back and think about why someone is self-represented to begin with. The most common and obvious answer to this is money. Not everyone can afford to involve legal representation, yet research that has focused on the self-representation phenomenon has discovered other reasons why people choose to represent themselves.

Grounded in this consideration is the fact that we are looking at self-representation in mediation, not court, where most of the consideration of self-representation focuses.

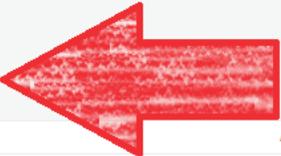
Why would someone elect to represent themselves at mediation?

Please read [The Future of Self-Representation](#) (available below) as you contemplate this.

Lesson 1 of 10

Exercise files for this lesson

Land Acknowledgement	Acknowledging the stolen land on which this workshop was developed and prepared.
Lesson 1 - Synopsis & Goals	An overview document for the first lesson of the workshop.
The Future of Self-Representation	A paper that considers historic hesitations around self-represented parties and discusses why people choose to represent themselves.



Each lesson will include a lesson Synopsis & Goals document for you to download from the “Exercise files for this lesson” section of the lesson to clarify the intent and nature of the lesson.

Note: It is completely up to you to decide how you would like to store the workshop files you download. You could print them and keep them in a binder, you could download and save them to your computer or you could temporarily download them and delete them when you complete each lesson or the workshop. The choice is yours.

LESSON QUIZZES

Most lessons conclude with a brief quiz for you to complete within a set duration of time. Our default approach is 3 question quizzes to be completed within 15 minutes.

These quizzes are not intended to be overly difficult and you will have the chance to try again if you do not get the minimum score required to pass the quiz. Please contact your instructor if you experience any trouble – the purpose of each quiz is to support the integrity of our workshops by ensuring attendees complete their lessons.

You are here: [Home](#) ▶ [Mediating with Self-Represented Parties Workshop](#) ▶ Lesson 01 - Quiz

Lesson 01 - Quiz

Time Left
14:30

Minimum score to pass this quiz: **66%**

Lesson 01 - Quiz



Your Score
0%
(Failed)

Your score: **0%**, minimum score to pass is: **66%** .

Would you like to take it again now?

[Yes, I want to try again!](#)

[Later](#)

Lesson 01 - Quiz



Your score:
100%
(Passed!)

Your score: **100%**, minimum score to pass is: **66%** .
Congratulations! You passed!

LESSON PROGRESS & COMPLETION

As you work through your workshop, the workshop's homepage will track your progress for you.

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	Why Self-Representation		✓ Viewed
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	Lesson 01 - Quiz		✓ Passed
Lesson 02			
	The Importance of Informed Consent		

When you have completed the workshop in its entirety, please email your instructor to let them know. They will verify the address to which you would like your certificate sent.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does it work?

Rather than having to arrange your schedule to accommodate a workshop's set time and date, CECM Self-Paced Workshops allow you to take a workshop when it is convenient for you to do so.

Each CECM Self-Paced Workshop is presented over a series of lessons, bite-sized chunks of a set duration (typically about 1/2 hour each) that you can work through on your own time.

Lessons are presented through readings, activities, podcasts and videos.

Can I ask my instructor questions?

You absolutely can! Instructors are available for asynchronous email communication and typically respond within 3 days of receiving your communication.

How long do I have to complete a workshop?

One year from your initial registration. Extensions can be granted upon request before a full year lapses.

Is the system easy to navigate?

Yes, and we are here to help you if you run into any problems. Once your workshop registration has been processed, you will receive a user name and password that you can insert in the login box on this page. When you do, you will be taken to your workshop, where you can jump right into the first lesson or view the full workshop agenda.

How can I access course readings and presentations?

Links will be supplied by your instructor for each lesson. There will also be files to download that appear at the very bottom of each lesson's page and on your workshop's homepage. Every lesson will include at least one download, a sheet that offers a synopsis and goal of the lesson.

Can I stop a lesson partway through?

For the most part, yes, but some activity-based lessons may not make this feasible.

How do I register?

You can register for CECM Self-Paced Workshops just as you would any CECM workshop. View the "Workshops" menu at the top of our website and select the workshop that you would like to register for. Each workshop's listing indicates how long the workshop is and CECM Self-Paced Workshops will have a reference to them being self-paced immediately after the workshop's duration. When you visit the specific workshop page, you will see a button to push to add the workshop to your cart, pay and register. You are always welcome to contact us if you are interested in registering and run into a problem.

Is this really the same as a live workshop?

No, and we are not pretending that it is. CECM Self-Paced Workshops do offer flexibility that live workshops cannot. You miss out on the opportunity to interact and network with other attendees but gain a great deal of participation flexibility. Typically, these types of workshops are among the lesser duration of our offerings, allowing them to complement live workshops to make it easier for you to complete your required certification or continuing education hours.

How can you tell that someone actually completed a workshop?

CECM Self-Paced Workshops are not like some webinars that you can just turn on and keep in the background to collect continuing education credits. These workshops are designed to help you learn something. They require a degree of interaction and instructor oversight. This varies by workshop but typically includes short quizzes at the end of each lesson or assignments that we can verify being completed through back end views and view durations. We expect all workshop attendees to participate with honesty and in good faith. Ultimately, if someone does not put in the expected time to complete a workshop, they are only hurting themselves as they will not receive the benefit of the full learning offered.