

ACR Partners With Creighton University to Promote Professional Development

For the first time, ACR has entered into a partnership with a higher education institution to develop the professional capacity of conflict resolution practitioners, thereby enhancing knowledge and ability in the field. ACR members can now receive tuition reductions on [Creighton University's](#) online programs in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution. ACR members will receive tuition discounts – ranging from 10 to 20 percent - on both the [master's degree](#) and the [graduate certificate](#) programs and will also undergo an expedited admissions process.

“We’re extremely pleased and honored to partner with ACR,” says Arthur Pearlstein, Professor of Law and Director of the Werner Institute at Creighton. “By offering these graduate programs to ACR’s motivated membership base, we can help contribute to development, growth, and discovery in field of conflict resolution and dispute resolution.”

Recently, Creighton University’s School of Law was ranked by *U. S. News & World Report* among the top tier of more than 200 law schools nationwide offering graduate programs in dispute resolution. The findings were published in the magazine’s 2011 assessment of America’s Best Graduate Schools. Creighton tied at #15 with Stanford University. The *U.S. News* ranking reflects the school’s achievements and the assessment of academic experts on the quality of faculty, curriculum, research and students.

The NDR programs are offered through Creighton’s [Werner Institute](#), housed within the School of Law. The Werner Institute is dedicated to providing the highest quality education in negotiation and dispute resolution, developing the next generation of practitioners and scholars, and leading advances in the field of conflict resolution. The Werner Institute also runs [ADRhub.com](#), an interactive portal for those interested in Alternative Dispute Resolution to learn about news and events, post jobs, discuss issues, chat with other ADR practitioners, and more.

Creighton’s Negotiation and Dispute Resolution master’s and certificate programs are grounded in legal problem-solving, policy, and principles related to conflict management and mediation. Using a systemic and interdisciplinary approach, coursework incorporates concepts in organizational development, psychology, sociology, and communication to train students to deal with the interpersonal and often emotional dynamics involved in conflict. The programs attract students in law, labor relations, business, government, the military, health care, relief and peacemaking organizations, insurance, criminal justice, educators and community leaders.

To learn more about Creighton’s online master’s and graduate certificate programs in Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, and the details around newly announced collaboration with the Association for Conflict Resolution, visit [creighton-online.com](#) or call us at **866.717.6365**.