

Negotiation and Conflict Resolution (NCR) Program Admissions Writing Exercise

Choose an ongoing conflict that has been reported on in your area – your community, city or region. Please do not address personal or international conflict. Write a short (up to 100 words) abstract of the conflict to provide context and provide the source of the news article that describes the conflict.

Next, look at the situation from the perspective of an external, neutral party who has been asked by the parties to assess the situation and consider intervention.

In 750-1000 words address these questions:

1. What are the sources of the conflict?
2. How are the parties being impacted by the conflict?
3. What are the positive and negative features of this conflict?
4. What type of intervention would you recommend?
5. What would be the first actions you would take?
6. How does the conflict impact you?
7. What are your hopes for the future regarding this situation?