

## **Sati Center for Buddhist Studies**

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Dear Program Applicant,

Thank you for your interest in our Buddhist Chaplaincy Training Program. An application is enclosed.

Listed below are the dates for the training. Your attendance is requested at all sessions, and required at 10 out of the 11. If you are able to participate, we encourage your thoughtful and reflective completion of this application.

### **2011/2012 Scheduled Dates**

Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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| - September 30 | - March 9  |
| - October 28   | - April 13 |
| - November 18  | - May 4    |
| - December 16  | - June 8   |
| - January 13   | - July 6   |
| - February 10  |            |

You may return your completed application to the address above. We encourage you to apply early as we review applications in the order we receive them. Once we have filled up a training group, applications will be held over for the following training.

Enrollment in the training is limited and we have a strong commitment to diversity. We will begin interviewing in mid-July 2011. We will call you to schedule an interview.

There is an application fee of \$50. The tuition fee is \$1450. In cases of financial hardship, payment plans can be arranged upon request. You may also want to explore the option of having either an organization or friends and family sponsor you. A limited number of partial scholarships may be available.

If you have any other questions about the training or about the Sati Center, please visit our website or contact us by phone.

We look forward to hearing from you soon,

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### **Buddhist Chaplaincy Training Program Participant Application**

Date of application:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Are you presently working/studying? \_\_\_\_\_ Full  Part-time

What is your occupation/course of study?

Do you have previous chaplaincy/spiritual caregiving experience? Please describe briefly, and/or attach a resume.

Do you have special skills? Please describe briefly. (i.e. healthcare, counseling, dharma teaching, foreign language, sangha leadership, theological training)

Please specify times during the week/weekend that you may be available for an interview either in person in San Francisco or by phone. Flexibility is important

Weekdays:    Morning    Afternoon    Evening

Weekends:    Morning    Afternoon    Evening

Do you have any physical limitations? If so, please describe briefly:

Have you spent time with someone very sick and/or dying? Or someone in a crisis?  
If so, please describe briefly:

**Tell us why you want to be a program participant. Please respond to the following questions as thoughtfully and completely as you can, exploring your feelings and intentions. Be certain to cover all the points indicated. You may respond to each question individually or attach an essay.**

1. What is your understanding of chaplaincy?
2. How do you envision this training to be of benefit to you? To others?
3. Please describe your experience of caregiving relationships (i.e. chaplaincy, hospice volunteer, teaching, mentoring, counseling)
4. Chaplains work with people with cancers, AIDS, dementia, as well as other illnesses and concerns. Describe your feelings about what it may be like for you to be with people with serious physical limitations or altered appearances resulting from their illness or its treatment.
5. Chaplains provide emotional, spiritual and practical support for people from all walks of life who are experiencing crises of health, faith, identity, etc. What kinds of people and/or situations would you anticipate having the most difficulty working with and why?

6. Describe some of your personal experience with diversity in your life and dharma life (race, class, gender, sexual orientation, religion, size, (dis)ability, etc.) and how you have dealt with it.
  
7. If you are someone from a generally less represented population in the western dharma world, what kind of support would you find helpful in order to participate fully in this chaplaincy program?
  
8. Describe your personal experience with spiritual/meditation practice (list practice periods; endorsements; ordinations, if applicable)
  
9. It is important for participants of this program to have good emotional support in their own lives. What are sources of emotional support for you?
  
10. How do you feel about the time and energy required to participate in this training?
  
11. Do you anticipate anything which may interfere with fulfilling the 11-month commitment to the training? (i.e. family obligations, possible plans for relocation, future study, financial concerns?)
  
12. How do you envision using this training in your life?

13. Are there any additional thoughts that come up for you in completing this application, or anything else you would like us to know?

14. A letter of recommendation from a Buddhist teacher or mentor who is familiar with your practice and can speak to your readiness for this training is required. Please attach one to this application. An application fee of \$50 is also required

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**Please note: this is a graduate level training that includes several self-directed learning components.** Participants will be asked to commit to attending eleven one-day sessions, complete 100 hours of volunteer chaplaincy, attend monthly support groups, visit various religious centers, complete reading reports and written reflection essays, and consult with a mentor six times over the course of the training.

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How did you hear about the program?

Flyer  Advertisement  Internet  Friend  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for considering the Sati Center's Buddhist Chaplaincy Training Program as an opportunity for learning, practice, and service. We appreciate the time and thought involved in completing this application. Please return this application to:

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