

## **Sati Center for Buddhist Studies**

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### **2020-2021 Buddhist Chaplaincy Training Program Participant Application**

Date of application:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

What is your occupation/course of study?

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

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

Do you have any physical limitations? 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 a separate document with all the responses.**

1. What is your understanding of chaplaincy?
2. How do you envision this training to be of benefit to you? To others?
3. Describe your personal experience with spiritual/meditation practice (list daylong, multi-day residential retreats, trainings)

4. Describe your experience of care giving relationships (i.e. chaplaincy, hospice volunteer, teaching, mentoring, counseling). If you have spent time with someone very sick and/or dying, or someone in crises, please describe briefly.
5. 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.
6. 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?
7. 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?
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 that 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 or have it emailed separately. An application fee of \$50 is also required

#### All Are Welcome

This training is designed for and welcoming to all populations. With the intention to dissolve all barriers that perpetuate the suffering of separation, prejudice, and discrimination, we are dedicated to the inclusion of all races, classes, sexual orientations, gender identities, ages, disabilities, cultures, ethnicities, and other identities.

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:

Upon completion, email application to [karuna@sati.org](mailto:karuna@sati.org). You should receive an acknowledgement within a week.

Please mail the mail a check for the \$60.00 application fee to address below.

Incomplete applications will not be processed until all materials are received.

- \$60.00 application fee (checks made out to Sati Center for Buddhist Studies)
- Recommendation Letter from a Buddhist teacher or mentor
- Work Exchange scholarship application, if applicable

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