

Insight Meditation Community of Charlotte
Dhamma Study and Practice Program (DSPP)

Application
2017-2018

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

PRACTICE INFORMATION

1. When did you first begin practicing insight meditation (vipassana)? _____
2. List below the silent, residential **vipassana** (or metta) retreats you have attended. If you have attended many retreats, list the most recent ones you have done, as well as the longest, in a way that the total number of retreat days adds up to at least 7.

Month/year	Location	Teacher(s)	No. of Days
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Total number of days (should add up to at least 7)			_____

3. If you have practiced the teachings of the Buddha in **other** traditions, please detail which lineage/teacher/center and length of involvement.

4. List any classes, series, and retreats that you have participated in through **IMC Charlotte**.

Month/year	Title	Teacher(s)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. What **other places** have you studied the teachings of the Buddha? If you have studied on your own, please describe.

6. Who have been your most important teachers?

7. Please list and describe any sitting groups or sanghas of which you are currently a part.

PERSONAL ESSAY

In one type-written page or shorter, tell us about yourself, why you want to take the DSPP, and what you hope to get out of it. Feel free to include anything else you would like us to know.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Each participant will be expected to work with a mentor during the term of the program. This relationship will include monthly sessions, either in person or by telephone. The mentor will be available to support the participant in their study and practice. You will be paired with an IMC Charlotte Dharma Leader to serve as your mentor.

SIGNATURE AND MAILING

I have reviewed the DSPP Program Description document. If accepted, I agree to attend and participate in all components of the program, other than absences due to health or family emergencies. I understand that consistent absence is a disservice to those who were not able to get into the program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your completed application via US Mail (not email) by June 15, 2017 to:

IMC Charlotte
Attention: DSPP
c/o Clyde Alexander
5721 Murrayhill Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28210

QUESTIONS

If you have further questions about the DSPP or this application, please contact one of the core teachers:

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS – IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

Timeline

- June 15 Application must be postmarked on or before this date
- June 22 Email confirmation that application has been received
- July 15 Email notification of decision (invited, waitlist, or decline)
- July 22 Invited applicants must confirm intention to participate
- July 22 Tuition payment due
- September 26 Program begins

Notes

- Please do not send supplemental materials with your application (e.g. letters of recommendation, writings, photos, poems, etc.)
- Please notify IMC Charlotte of any changes in your contact information that occur after you submit your application.
- Applications will not be returned. Please keep a copy for your records.
- Please do not inquire about the status of your application before July 15.
- The contents of this application will be reviewed by IMC Charlotte personnel involved in the DSPP. The contents will not be shared outside of those involved with the program.
- Payment of the full amount of the tuition is due upon the applicant's confirmation of intention to participate, and must be received no later than July 22.
- Limited scholarship funds are available to support program participants. However, all applications will be considered equally, regardless of ability to pay. Upon an offer of admission, applicants will have the opportunity to request scholarship assistance. IMC Charlotte will make reasonable efforts to award the amount requested, but may not be able to fulfill the entire request.