

Insight Meditation Community of Charlotte

Dhamma Leader Training Program (DLTP)

Application

2018-2020

Note: In completing this application, it is essential that you review the companion document, the Program Description.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

PRACTICE INFORMATION

1. When did you first begin practicing insight meditation (vipassana)? _____
2. Tell us about your meditation practice. Include frequency and length of sittings, as well as usual focus (e.g. concentration, open awareness, metta, etc.).

3. 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 nights (any length of retreats) adds up to at least 15. (If you do not meet this requirement, see the Program Description document for possible exceptions.)

Month/year	Location	Teacher(s)	No. of Nights
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
Total number of nights (should add up to at least 15)			_____

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

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

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

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

7. Who have been your most important teachers?

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

PERSONAL ESSAY

In about two type-written pages, tell us about yourself, your interest in teaching the Dhamma, why you want to take the DLTP, and what you hope to get out of it. Please include a candid assessment of any strengths and weaknesses you bring to the program. Feel free to include anything else you would like us to know.

ADMINISTRATIVE

Each participant will be expected to work with one or more mentors during the term of the program. This relationship will include regular in-person sessions. The mentor will be available to support the participant in their development as a Dharma Leader. Each participant will be paired with an IMC Charlotte Dharma Leader(s) to serve as her or his mentor.

In addition to the tuition, participants will be expected to practice dana (generosity) towards the teachers. Program dana will be handled quarterly at the end of each daylong session, and will be shared among the teachers. The particulars of mentoring dana will be worked out directly between the participant and the mentor.

SIGNATURE AND MAILING

I have reviewed the DLTP application companion document, the Program Description.

- 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 absences are a disservice to those who were not able to get into the program.
- If accepted, I understand that the program will involve ongoing evaluation and feedback, both from teachers and from other participants.
- If accepted, I agree to participate in the practice of dana, both program dana to the teachers, and mentor dana to my mentor(s).
- If accepted, upon completion of the program it is my intention to serve as a Dharma Leader with IMC Charlotte.

Signature _____ Date _____

Send your completed application via US Mail (not email) by February 1, 2019 to:

IMC Charlotte
Attention: DLTP
c/o Ward Simmons
479 Fenton Place
Charlotte, North Carolina 28207

QUESTIONS

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

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ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS – IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ

Timeline

- February 1 Application must be postmarked on or before this date
- February 8 Email confirmation that application has been received
- March 31 Email notification of decision
- April 15 Invited applicants must confirm intention to participate
- April 15 Tuition payment due
- May 14 First program session

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 March 31.
- The contents of this application will be reviewed by IMC Charlotte personnel involved in the DLTP. The contents will not be shared outside of those involved with the program.
- Payment of the full tuition of \$600 is due upon the applicant's confirmation of intention to participate, and must be received no later than April 15.
- Limited scholarship funds are available to support program participants. 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.