

# Barre Center for Buddhist Studies

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## Application for Integrated Study and Practice Program

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

When did you begin practicing vipassana (year)? \_\_\_\_\_

List in the table 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 total number of retreat days adds up to at least 50.

Month/Year	Location	Teacher(s)	# Days
Total # Days (should add up to 50):			

If you have practiced in other Buddhist traditions, please detail which lineage/teacher/center and length of involvement (more room on next page).

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List courses you have taken at BCBS, if any.

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What other places have you studied Buddhist thought? If you have studied it on your own, please describe.

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Who have been your most important teachers?

Are you currently part of a sitting group or sangha? Please describe.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

**Teacher/Mentor**

Is there a vipassana teacher who is willing to be your mentor?

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please ask your teacher in advance for permission to write their name on this application. If the teacher would like more information on what is involved in becoming a mentor, have him or her get in touch with the ISPP administrator for more details. Non-ISPP teachers willing to be mentors are subject to approval by the ISPP faculty.

If you don't have a teacher who can act as a mentor, you will be paired with a mentor who is affiliated with the ISPP.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please do not email the application. Instead, mail a printed application, with postmark by or on Aug 1, 2010, to:

BCBS  
Attn: ISPP  
149 Lockwood Rd  
Barre MA 01005

If you have further questions about the ISPP or this application, please contact the ISPP Administrator:

Mu Soeng  
Program Director  
[musoeng@dharm.org](mailto:musoeng@dharm.org) or (978) 355-2347, x14

**Administrative Details—IMPORTANT—Please read.**

Aug 1, 2010	Application must be postmarked on or by this date
Aug 5, 2010	Applicants will be notified of admission, waitlist, or decline by email
Aug 15, 2010	Admitted applicants must notify BCBS of acceptance of admission; 50% deposit due
Sep 1, 2010	Waitlisted applicants will be notified of final admission or decline
Sep 10, 2010	Applicants admitted from waitlist must notify BCBS of acceptance of admission; 50% deposit due
Sep 15, 2010	Balance of program fee due

Please do not send letters of recommendation or supplemental materials (writing, photos, poems, etc.).

Please notify BCBS of any contact information changes that will occur between when you apply and Oct 1, 2010.

Applications will not be returned. Please keep a copy for your own records.

As we are a small staff, please do not inquire about the status of your application before April 15th.

It is the policy of BCBS to not discuss reasons for decline with those who are not admitted.

ISPP students are expected to attend and participate in all components of the program, other than for health or family emergencies. Consistent absence is considered a disservice to those who were not able to get into the program. Acceptance of admission means the student is committing to the entire program in advance.

The contents of this application are not confidential and will be reviewed by staff and faculty involved in the ISPP. The contents will not be shared, however, outside BCBS.

**Financial Information**

**Payment:** 50% of the program cost will be due upon acceptance of the offer of admission or by Aug 15 (Sep 10, 2010 for those admitted from the waitlist). The balance will be due by Sep 15, 2010.

**Cancellation and Refunds:** Payments are refundable in full if we are notified of program cancellation by Oct 1, 2010. All payments (deposit and balance) will be retained in full if canceling after Oct 1, 2010.

**Scholarship Policy:** Limited scholarship funds are available to support students. However, all applications will be considered equally, regardless of ability to pay (i.e., “needs-blind” admission). Upon an offer of admission, the admitted applicant will have the opportunity to request a form for scholarship assistance, if needed. BCBS will make a good effort to award the amount requested but, depending on the needs of others admitted to the program, may not be able to meet the full request. In that case, it will be incumbent on the admitted applicant to secure financial support independently.

The ISPP is administered by BCBS. If you have further questions regarding the ISPP or this application, please contact the ISPP Administrator:

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