

# 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
<b>Total # Days (should add up to 50):</b>			

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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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 on or before March 1, 2012, 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.**

March 1, 2012 Application must be postmarked on or by this date  
March 5, 2012 Applicants will be notified of admission, waitlist, or decline by email  
March 15, 2012 Admitted applicants must notify BCBS of acceptance of admission; 50% deposit due  
April 1, 2012 Waitlisted applicants will be notified of final admission or decline  
April 15, 2012 Applicants admitted from waitlist must notify BCBS of acceptance of admission; 50% deposit due  
April 30, 2012 Balance of program fee due  
May 15, 2012 Last day to cancel registration with full refund (no refund after this date).

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 June 1, 2012.

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 1.

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 close of business March 15, 2012 (April 15, 2012 for those admitted from the waitlist). The balance will be due by close of business April 30, 2012.

**Cancellation and Refunds:** Payments are refundable in full if we are notified of program cancellation on or before May 15, 2012. All payments (deposit and balance) will be retained in full if canceling after May 15, 2012.

**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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