

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Are there prerequisites for beginning the certificate program?

A: No. There are no prerequisites for beginning the certificate program. It is necessary that participants be able to read and write English. Students are asked to read several books and write reflection papers for each course. *We do ask for a description of why a registrant feels led to begin taking the courses.*

Q: Can I transfer other courses into the Certificate program and get credit?

A: Generally we do not accept course credit from other programs. The Certificate program offers a wide range of elective and core credits. These courses have specific learning goals that are frequently not met by other spirituality courses.

Q: When is my tuition money due?

A: Participants are asked to pay in advance of courses. A \$50 deposit is required when a participant registers for a course. Unless otherwise notified, the balance of the tuition is due four weeks prior to the beginning of the course.

Q: Is my room & board covered in the tuition?

A: No, travel and room & board are not included in tuition.

Q: Can I take these courses for academic credit?

A: To take certificate classes for academic credit, registrants must make their own arrangements within their school's requirements.

Q: Do I have to take all my courses at one location?

A: No. See the Certificate Partnership section for more information.

Q: How many people are there in each class?

A: Class size is generally from fifteen to twenty five participants.

Q: Can I get a single room?

A: If available, single rooms are assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis, and do incur an additional charge.

Q: How many classes can I take each year?

A: We recommend that participants take no more than two to three classes per year so that they may finish within five years. You may take more if your time and finances permit.

Q: If I am on a waiting list is it likely I'll get in?

A: Possibly, there are always a few cancellations

Q: What if I need an extension on a paper?

A: Please submit requests for extensions in writing to the Director of the Spirituality Program by U.S. mail or e-mail. Please offer a date by which the paper will be submitted, no later than 2 months after the initial due date. Once your request is granted, a postcard or e-mail is sent to you. After a total of six months worth of extensions, the course work is no longer counted toward the Certificate and will need to be repeated or another course taken in its place.

Q: Can I get a scholarship?

A: Scholarships are available on a course-by-course basis (see page 9).

Q: Can I switch back and forth between the week-long and weekend format?

A: Yes.

Q: What if I don't want to or cannot go on the pilgrimage? Can I still get the certificate?

A: Two additional courses are an allowable substitution for the pilgrimage.

Q: What happens if I can't complete the requirements for the certificate in 5 years?

A: You will need to submit a written request for extension to the Director of the Spirituality Program.