

CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS IN SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP AND SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

APPLICATION

Steps Toward Acceptance as a Participant:

1. Submission of completed application form along with non-refundable application fee (see below)
2. Submission of two reference letters (details below)
3. Interview with HeartPaths DFW faculty (scheduled after the above have been received and reviewed)
4. Notification of acceptance

Qualities of Applicants

These programs are for lay and ordained Christians who:

- Are adults at least eighteen (18) years of age and of spiritual and emotional maturity
- Want to deepen their relationship with the living Christ
- Want personal support in deepening their skills and sensibilities regarding spiritual disciplines
- Desire an integrative body-mind-spirit approach and an experiential-mentor model of formation
- Wish to learn in an ecumenical environment through the Christian story and its symbols
- Are willing to honor all human experience as having a place in God's revelation
- Are interested in a contemplative, life-affirming approach to spirituality.
- Sense a calling to learn the art of spiritual formation and/or spiritual direction ministry

References

Provide the name, title, address, email address and telephone number of two references:

1. A pastor or leader from your community/congregation
 2. A personal reference who can speak to your character and readiness for a program in spiritual leadership/spiritual direction
- Please contact these persons and send them a copy of the "Qualities of Applicants" above and ask them to submit letters of recommendation on your behalf to us at heartpathstraining@gmail.com or the mailing address below.

Application Fee

The one-time, non-refundable application fee is \$100. The early application fee, if completed by July 15, is \$75. **NOTE:** Please make checks payable to **HeartPaths**, with a note about "application fee" in the memo line. You may mail a check to the address below.

Send completed application by email (above) or by mail to:

HeartPaths DFW

P.O. Box 612712

Dallas, TX 75261

HEARTPATHS DFW APPLICATION FOR FALL OF 2021

Name _____ Today's date _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (Cell) _____ (Home) _____

Email address _____

Religious Affiliation/Congregation: _____

Are you a clergy member _____ or a layperson _____ (please check)?

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

We are looking forward to in-person weekly meetings for 2021-22, and we will flex accordingly for pandemic conditions, facility availability, enrollment, etc. We are also offering an online weekly group on Zoom. All of our monthly Saturday seminars will be online/Zoom for everyone.

(The HeartPaths faculty have familiarity with online meetings on Zoom and can provide resources to help you get oriented if you are new to Zoom. You don't need a Zoom account in order to participate.)

Please rank your preferences (1=top choice) for the following possible weekly prayer group times. ONLY RANK THE OPTIONS THAT ARE POSSIBL FOR YOU.:

_____ Mondays, 11 am - 12:30 pm (Denton county or Collin county)

_____ Thursdays, 10 am - 11:30 am (Dallas county or Collin county)

_____ Thursdays, 7 pm - 8:30 pm (Online/Zoom)

_____ Fridays, 10 am - 11:30 am (Tarrant county)

If none of the above times/days would work for you, what options would be possible for you?

Names of References:

Name _____ Name _____

Title _____ Title _____

Email _____ Email _____

Address _____ Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

The questions on the following page are designed to assist the faculty in getting to know you in terms of background, experience, and your expectations as they relate to our program. We consider your answers private, and we will not share them with anyone outside the HeartPaths DFW leadership without your permission. Take as much space as you need for each question.

1. Briefly, tell us about your spiritual background.
2. What types of spiritual disciplines do you currently practice?
3. Have you ever been in spiritual direction? Are you currently seeing a spiritual director? Please tell us about your experiences.
4. What are you looking for and what do you hope to receive from this program?
5. How do you expect to use this training?
6. What questions do you have for us at this time?
7. Please tell us how you heard about HeartPaths – Name of friend/faculty member/pastor? Internet search? Other?