

# Authentic Presence Immersion Retreat 2026 Application Questions

– Please limit responses to 200 words –

## Professional Background:

Please describe the work you currently do, and include details of previous professional or volunteer work in healthcare or human service fields.

What is your motivation in serving others in your chosen field?

Why do you want to take this training?

Considering the course content and expectations, how would you propose to apply the benefits of this training to improve end-of-life care in your workplace or community?

What challenges do you anticipate in integrating this training with your work?

## Contemplative Practice:

What is your religious affiliation or spiritual tradition?

Please describe your present contemplative practice. (Meditation, prayer, reflection, other.) How often and how long do you practice?

Please describe any ways you have integrated your contemplative practice with your work.

## Personal Experience and History:

1. Is someone close to you presently facing serious illness or death?

2. Has someone close to you died in the last few years?

3. Have you experienced the sudden death of a friend or family member?

4. Do you have a serious or chronic illness? Please describe briefly.

If you answered yes to questions 1-4, please describe what challenges you are facing as a result, on practical, emotional or spiritual levels.

Please describe briefly the most significant experience with death in your personal or professional life, and how this has affected your life.

For you, what are the most challenging and rewarding aspects of your work?

Have you ever had a near-death experience?

Based on your experience, what are your main unanswered questions about death?