



## **NTI - Spiritual Arts Initiate Certificate OIIM - Registered Spiritual Arts Initiate (RSI)**

Welcome to the iNtuitive Times Institute (NTI), the seminary program for the Open International Interfaith Ministry (OIIM). NTI and OIIM celebrate the many faces of the Divine as seen in the world's diverse spiritual traditions. NTI provides a vehicle for training professional, skilled Interfaith Ministers and Spiritual Arts Practitioners, Apprentices and Initiates.

We are pleased to be able to offer to qualified students the RSI Program. The RSI Program offers entry level professional skills that are experiential in nature. We seek students who have a calling to be of service sharing their spiritual and healing gifts and who have a passion for elevating the credibility and trustworthiness of the healing/spiritual arts.

### **About the RSI Program**

The NTI Spiritual Arts Initiate Certificate (RSI) is intended to be an entry level course of studies for those with a current wellness or helping practice who wish to infuse their client sessions with spirituality or by individuals who simply wish to infuse their lives with spirituality. Upon completion of the year program, graduates are eligible for OIIM to register them as Registered Spiritual Initiates (RSI).

This program is an experiential introduction to NTI's Apprenticeship Program – the Certificate of Applied Spiritual Counselling (CASC). RSI's are eligible for membership in some associations whose members can receive the designation of naturotherapist allowing the spiritual Initiate's services to be covered for clients from a limited number of extended health care plans.

### **The RSI program is offered through (840 total training hours)**

- 300 training hours - distance education
- 90 training hours - three weekend Residencies (Fall, Spring and Summer) on Prince Edward Island
- 150 training hours - 15 one hour Tele-learning sessions
- 300 training hours - 300 hours of personal development workshops or courses
- 6 case studies

## Application Requirements

- Fill out and submit an NTI application form
- Submit documentation of Personal Development Workshops totaling 300 hours
- Submit a 200 word essay stating their reasons for wanting to take this program
- Submit two references speaking to their character of having a natural desire to be of service and approaching life through reverence
- Submit prior education transcripts, any certificates or diplomas in current field of practice and a list of other wellness, spiritual or holistic short courses that did not issue certificates (state workshop title, presenter's name, location, number of hours and a brief description of the workshop – website if there is one)
- Submit the application fee of \$100 - \$50 will be applied to tuition fees if accepted
- Fill out and submit an OIIM membership form

## Tuition Fees

- Each Residency tuition fee is \$500 payable upon receiving invoice one month prior to the residency. (total \$1500)
- Each Residency Distance Education Tuition Fee is \$250 payable upon receiving invoice at acceptance and at the end of Residency 1 and 2. (total \$750)
- Tuition Fees afford you a Canadian income tax educational credit

## The Benefits of Attending NTI

- Being part of a professional Interfaith/Interspiritual community with ongoing support
- Professional status as Registered Spiritual Initiates, Apprentices, Practitioners (in spiritual - counselling, healing, mediumship, direction/companionship and/or Ministers)
- Eligibility for membership in some professional associations whose members provide naturotherapist (n.d.)/naturopathic treatments. This allows many clients to benefit from their extended health care plans when receiving your services
- As NTI is a registered Canadian Federal HRSDC Certified Training Institute, you are allowed an educational exemption on your personal taxes (tax credit based on tuition fees plus monthly allowance for part-time study and texts - for 2012 this was 15% tax credit of tuition fees paid plus \$140 a month for studying part time and texts)
- Extensive mentoring from experienced Practitioners/Ministers
- Graduates are eligible to be listed in the OIIM online Registry

## Graduation Requirements

1. Submit a police check for vulnerable populations
2. Prepare and submit a short public dedication and ethics pledge
3. All distance education completed with a mark of at least 75%
4. 80% of Tele-learnings attended
5. All residencies attended
6. Submit six client records as outlined in Residency 3



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# RSI Program - 840 Training Hours

## ***Residency 1 - 20 Credit Units/200 Training Hours***

- 1) **DISTANCE EDUCATION preparation for Residency 1** (Fall – typically the last weekend in October – final decision based on student availability): Assignments are to be submitted electronically at least two weeks prior to the residency
  - a) Module I: Helping and Counselling Skills - 6 Credit Units/ 60 Training Hours
  - b) Module II: Being of Service ~ Understanding Interfaith/ Interspiritual - 6 Credit Units/ 60 Training Hours
- 2) **TELE-LEARNINGS preparation for Residency 1 - 5 Credit Units/ 50 Training Hours** (Fall – typically the last weekend in October – final decision based on student availability):
  - a) Five one hour seminars using a tele-conference phone number – all you need is a phone.
  - b) It is expected that the relevant material will be read prior to the tele-learning session
  - c) Sundays at 12 noon AT
  - d) Starts the second Sunday in September. No session on Thanks Giving weekend.

## ***Residency 1 - 3 Credit Units/ 30 Training Hours***

Module I: Helping and Counselling Skills

Module II: Being of Service – UnderStAnding Interfaith/Interspiritual

| <b>TIME</b>       | <b>TOPIC</b>   | <b>TENTATIVE FACILITATOR</b> |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Friday 7-9:30     | Spiritual Counselling - PP<br>Counselling Skills   | Revs. Barry and Sandi        |
| Saturday 10-12:30 | Good Grief PP<br>Good and Bad Helping - PP<br>Helping Skills<br>Authenticity   | Revs. Barry and Sandi        |
| Saturday 2-4:30   | Ethics - Video   | Heather                      |
| Saturday 6:30-9   | Intention - PP<br>Reverence<br>Interfaith/Interspiritual<br>Spirituality and Religion  | Rev. Barry                   |
| Sunday 10-12:30   | Orientation to Interfaith and Intuitive/<br>Psychic Development – Meditation as a<br>Gateway to the Spiritual and Healing Arts | Revs. Barry, Sandi and Susan |
| Sunday 2-4:30     | Orientation to Interfaith and Intuitive/<br>Psychic Development – Meditation as a<br>Gateway to the Spiritual and Healing Arts | Revs. Barry, Sandi and Susan |

## ***Residency 2 - 20 Credit Units/ 200 Training Hours***

- 1) **DISTANCE EDUCATION preparation for Residency 2** (Spring – typically the last weekend in April – final decision based on student availability): Assignments are to be submitted electronically at least two weeks prior to the residency
  - a) Module III: Spiritual Interfaith Energy Healing - 6 Credit Units/ 60 Training Hours
  - b) Module IV: Connecting to Spirit - 6 Credit Units/ 60 Training Hours
- 2) **TELE-LEARNINGS preparation for Residency 1 - 5 Credit Units/ 50 Training Hours** (Spring – typically the last weekend in April – final decision based on student availability):
  - b) Five one hour seminars using a tele-conference phone number – all you need is a phone
  - c) It is expected that the relevant material will be read prior to the tele-learning session
  - d) Sundays at 12 noon AT
  - e) Starts the second Sunday in March. No session on Easter weekend.

### ***Residency 2 - 3 Credit Units/30 Training Hours***

Module III: Holistic Wellness  
Module IV: Connecting to Spirit

| TIME              | TOPIC  | TENTATIVE FACILITATOR |
|-------------------|--|-----------------------|
| Friday 7-9:30     | <b>Opening the Path to Peace - Spiritual Awareness through the Inner Journey – the RGIplus visualization process</b><br>Breath | Revs. Barry and Sandi |
| Saturday 10-12:30 | <b>Opening the Path to Peace ...</b><br>Affirmations - PP<br>Affirmative Prayer - PP   | Revs. Barry and Sandi |
| Saturday 2-4:30   | <b>Opening the Path to Peace ...</b><br>Chakras - PP<br>Symbols<br>Process   | Revs. Sandi and Barry |
| Saturday 6:30-9   | Message Circle   | Rev. Barry            |
| Sunday 10-12:30   | Orientation to Mediumship – Level I - PP   | Rev. Barry            |
| Sunday 2-4:30     | Orientation to Mediumship – Level I  | Rev. Barry            |

## ***Residency 3 - 14 Credit Units/ 140 Training Hours***

- 1) **DISTANCE EDUCATION APPRENTICESHIP preparation for Residency 3 - 6 credit units/ 60 training hours** (Summer – typically a mid August weekend – final decision based on student availability): Assignments are to be submitted electronically at least two weeks prior to the residency. Submit each of six client's records as you are done with that client.
  
- 2) **TELE-LEARNINGS preparation for Residency 3 - 5 Credit Units/ 50 Training Hours** (Summer – typically a mid August weekend – final decision based on student availability):
  - b) Five one hour seminars using a tele-conference phone number – all you need is a phone
  - c) It is expected that the relevant material will be read prior to the tele-learning session
  - d) Sundays at 12 noon AT
  - e) Starts the first Sunday in May (No tele-learning on Victoria Day weekend).

### ***Residency 3 - 3 Credit Units/30 Training Hours***

#### **Spiritual Mediumship, Spiritual Healing, Professionalism and Graduation**

| <b>TIME</b>       | <b>TOPIC</b>   | <b>TENTATIVE FACILITATOR</b> |
|-------------------|--|------------------------------|
| Friday 7-9:30     | Mediumship Level 2   | Rev. Barry                   |
| Saturday 10-12:30 | Spiritual Interfaith Energy Healing  | Revs. Barry, Sandi and Susan |
| Saturday 2-4:30   | Mediumship Level 2   | Rev. Barry                   |
| Saturday 6:30-9   | Mediumship Level 2   | Rev. Barry                   |
| Sunday 10-12:30   | Spiritual Interfaith Energy Healing  | Rev. Barry, Sandi and Susan  |
| Sunday 2-4:30     | Professional Skills and Context (office, treatment room, platform decorum)<br>Graduation | Rev. Barry, Sandi and Susan  |

# RSI Scope of Practice:

## *Initiates can:*

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- Work within their certified field of practice(s)
- Adhere to the *Code of Ethics for International Spiritual Directors*
- Adhere to OIIM's Registration Board's Requirements
- Infuse client sessions with spiritual principles and skills
- Infuse client sessions with counselling skills
- Have a mentoring Registered Spiritual Practitioner available for consultation
- Apply for membership in associations whose members can receive the designation of naturotherapist allowing the spiritual Initiate's services to be covered for clients from a limited number of extended health care plans.

## *Initiates do not (unless they have other relevant training):*

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- Do therapeutic group work outside their field of practice
- Have the specialized training of a Spiritual Arts Practitioner in Spiritual Counselling, Healing, Direction/Companionship or Mediumship
- Have the theoretical and research background of a Registered Spiritual Arts Practitioner or Apprentice
- Provide services covered by Blue Cross and a few other smaller insurance companies

## *OIIM Levels of Registration: (each level builds on the prior level)*

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1. Initiate (RSI) – Initiate is an entry level status to OIIM/NTI's spiritual arts training. The focus of Initiate training is practical with little theoretical or research background. Initiates work with the input and resources of a Registered Practitioner.
2. Apprentice (CASC) – Apprentices have a healthy balance of both theoretical and practical training in OIIM's four areas of specialization – spiritual counselling, healing, mediumship and direction/companionship. They have committed to undergo further apprenticeship activities with their mentor. They have the skills and training to conduct therapeutic spirituality groups in a safe, respectful and professional context. All practitioners are required to undergo the honoured spiritual training practice of apprenticing under someone with extensive experience and skill.
3. Practitioner (RSP) – Practitioners have a general understanding of OIIM's four areas of specialization. They have the CASC designation. In addition they have dedicated themselves to specialize in one of OIIM's four areas of specialization – spiritual counselling, healing, mediumship and/or direction/companionship. Although they work independently they are part of a broader network through OIIM where they have access to many resources – both in person and in materials.
4. Interfaith Minister (LM or OM) – a Lay Minister is someone who has the CASC designation and has dedicated themselves as an apprentice to be of service to the Divine through OIIM. They are enrolled in or have graduated from one of the four practitioner programs. An Ordained Minister is someone who has graduated from the NTI OM/RSPd program and has been anointed by OIIM as an Ordained Interfaith Minister. They can perform the full complement of religious services such as weddings, funerals, blessings, clearings...
5. Master – A Master has at least twenty years experience; has been nominated by the general public or colleagues; publically acknowledged for being of service; and noted for contributing to the promotion of the Interfaith movement.