



RESIDENTIAL TRAINING

Residential training at the Chicago Zen Center is a vehicle for deepening one's practice and for contributing to the furtherance of the Center. Residency allows one to enjoy some of the fruits of more intense training (a quiet, practice-centered environment, added time in the zendo, service to the sangha, common work) while remaining engaged in one's own work and personal life.

Residential training requires at least a 1-year commitment. Residents are approved by the Abbot and the Head of Zendo after a discussion with the applicant and are renewed for a subsequent year after consultation with both of them. Violations of the Center's ethical guidelines may result in the termination of residential training at any time.

Persons interested in pursuing residential training should

- be (or become) full members in good standing of the Chicago Zen Center
- be able to maintain financial stability for the duration of the proposed training period
- be free of any psychological, legal, or social impediments to residential training
- be interested in pursuing residential training for the purpose of deepening one's practice

Cost

\$450.00 per month in addition to membership dues

Benefits

A bedroom of one's own

Use of the 1st floor kitchen, bath and all common areas

Free laundry, household supplies, and utilities (residents supply their own food)

No sesshin fees

Responsibilities

- Residents attend all scheduled sittings, sesshin included, unless work-related responsibilities or special personal circumstances interfere
- Residents carry out housekeeping and other responsibilities as determined by the Abbot or Head of Zendo
- Residents keep their own personal effects clean and orderly
- Residents adhere to stated ethical guidelines for living at the Center