

History of Sage-ing® International

Sage-ing® International (SI) has grown from a seed planted by Rabbi Zalman Schachter-Shalomi at a gathering of nearly 100 Sage-ing Leaders (persons trained to teach the philosophy of sage-ing) in the Fall of 2004. There, Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi, or Reb Zalman as he was known by many, relayed his vision of a professional association that would facilitate cooperation and exchange of ideas between current Sage-ing Leaders as well as provide a structure for the training of future Sage-ing Leaders.

Sage-ing® International, which was known from 2004 until 2012 as the Sage-ing Guild, was preceded organizationally by the Spiritual Eldering Institute (SEI), which served as the public face of sage-ing work for over a decade. Following the 2005 closing of SEI, and with the support of Reb Zalman, SI picked up where SEI left off, assuming the role of training and certifying new Sage-ing Leaders and serving as a networking and support group for approximately 200 Certified Sage-ing Leaders and Sage-ing Circle Facilitators in North America, Canada and Australia. Today, SI also serves a membership of more than 3300 who are not Sage-ing Leaders, but have an interest in sage-ing philosophy.

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Sage-ing® International
Wisdom and Spirit in Action



Sage-ing Leader Certification Program

Sage-ing® International is dedicated to helping elders reclaim their role as leaders, sharing wisdom and spirit essential to creating a better world for current and future generations.



Sage-ing Leader Certification Program

The Sage-ing Leader Certification Program is structured to provide content and experience relevant to leading adult groups in personal and spiritual development workshops. Interns attend a beginning and final weekend of training, complete 15 hours leading community workshops or programs while working with a Certified Sage-ing Leader (CSL) mentor, and participate in a Wisdom Circle monthly via conference call.

As in the training of all healing practitioners, we must first apply “the practical work of translating theory into practice in the laboratory of our own life.” Sage-ing International faculty have concluded that the introspective inner work and the presentation skills required in the training program take about a year from the initial training weekend to complete.

Application to the Sage-ing Leader Certification Program

- Read *From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Revolutionary Approach to Growing Older* by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi with Ron Miller
- Attend a Sage-ing® International Intensive Workshop or an Introductory Program of Sage-ing® International: Awakening the Sage Within
- Complete application for Sage-ing Leader Certification Program and submit to the Program Coordinator
- Complete the exercises in the Sage-ing Workbook

Tools Provided for Training

- Copy of the Curriculum Resource Guide and Awakening the Sage Within
- Master copies of copyrighted material for workshop participants
- One-on-One Mentor guidance
- Sample flyer for programs

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General Process

- Complete application form and telephone interview
- Be accepted by the Education Committee
- Pay tuition (due quarterly)
- Attend initial 3-day training session
- Be assigned a Mentor
- Lead 15 hours of workshops/programs
- Complete Intern/Mentor conversations
- Participate in a monthly Intern Wisdom Circle via video conference
- Receive recommendation by Mentor and Program Coordinator
- Attend certification weekend and ceremony

Who Would Benefit from this Training?

- Adult Educators
- Clergy and Lay Leaders
- Social Service Professionals
- Health Care Professionals
- Senior Center Directors & Staff
- Residential Community Leaders

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