

## Uniting Wisdom and Compassion Course Outline

### I. Introduction to the Text and Background

- The Buddha and the Hinayana and Mahayana teachings
- The four schools/tenet systems of Buddhism
- The three vehicles
- Nagarjuna and the Madhyamika
- Chandrakirti, Tsongkhapa and others
- The purpose of Chandrakirti's text
- The structure of Chandrakirti's text
- Discussion of compassion

### II. Exposition of the Text

- a. Birth of Hearers and Solitary Realizers from Buddhas (*verse 1a*)
- b. Buddhas are Born from Bodhisattvas (*verse 1b*)
- c. The Three Main Causes of Bodhisattvas (*verses 1cd*)
- d. The Importance of Compassion (*stanza 2*)
- e. The Three Types of Compassion (*stanza 3 and verses 4ab*)

### III. Conclusion and summary