



Welcome to CME, the Continuing Missionary Education program specifically designed by Global Missions, in partnership with GATS (Global Association of Theological Studies).

CME is reserved for those involved in one of the Global Missions programs: Associates in Missions (AIM), Associate Missionary Program (AMP), Intermediate Missionary, or Career Missionary. This is because we are in an active partnership with UPCI endorsed Bible colleges in North America and do not want to take prospective students away from these.

Other General Information

Step One:

1. Click the “apply now” button on the <https://www.gatsonline.org/cme/> screen. Fill out the brief application and submit. If married, your spouse will also need to fill out the brief application.
2. Note in the application it allows for you to submit your Bible College transcripts if you desire for us to consider missions courses you have taken before. If you don’t have the transcript, you can send it later to dkassner@upci.org. Bro. Kassner serves as our Registrar and will communicate with you once your application is accepted. He will also be in touch with you concerning any of the subjects on your transcript being transferred or comped. Once you start taking courses, and turn in assignments, and turn in assignments (to be graded by one of our graders) he will connect with you concerning grades. Please note that, Bro. Kassner is the go-to person for CME, and is one of your best friends when it comes to continuing missionary education with us.

Step Two:

3. Our office will be in touch with you once your application is approved and, then again, as we complete the review your transcripts.

Step Three:

4. On the same page (<https://www.gatsonline.org/cme/>) where you found and filled out the application, there is a series of courses listed.
5. Some are surprised that the process is so easy, expecting to be weighted down a bit, with some sort of LMS (learning management system). No Canvas. No Blackboard. Just simple steps so you can easily complete the coursework regardless of where you are in the world, and with the determination to facilitate the logistics you have or don't have with internet and so forth.
6. You will see courses in purple. You can select any of those courses you would like. Be careful not to choose a course you have already been comped or given transfer credit for.

Step Four:

7. So, you've found a course you want to take (among the purple course names). For example, "Introduction to Global Missions." To the left of the course name, you will see a course number. In this case, it is 502. Hover over that then click it and you will be able to start working on your course work. There is a little video on the Continuing Missionary Education Facebook page that explains some of this and will show you. Become part of that group.
8. You do not have to enroll in the course. You can just start. It is helpful, however, to let us know what course you are working on, whenever you start. Just e-mail dkassner@upci.org.
9. You can work on the course with your spouse (if married) both with answering the chapter review questions and the required papers. You can turn in the chapter review questions and paper at different times if you so choose.
10. I recommend reading the "course outline" first. It's kind of like your Syllabus in college. It provides a bit of a roadmap for you outlining some expectation or sights along the way.
11. Then, I would move on to the course components. Don't be surprised if some of the instructions are repeated at different stops on your journey through a course. It's not that we are forgetful. It's more like us wanting to be intentional and making it easy to find the information you need.
12. The program is set up in such a way that there is substantial reading and always a minimum of two forms of evaluation.
13. If you have any questions along your journey, e-mail us.

Step Five:

14. Become familiar with the type of assignments you will have. You will see a section for that.
15. Begin reading with the primary textbook, moving on to the supplementary material, and then to the secondary textbook(s) unless you are advised otherwise (within the Course Outline). The rule of thumb is, in almost all cases, we will provide you with a PDF of the primary textbook and with the supplementary reading material.
16. The secondary textbook(s) would need to be purchased by you. So, plan in advance, if you prefer hard copies. Remember, if you have funds available in your PIM account, you can requisition for the cost of required books. This can be requested through the standard requisition and sent to the responsible parties accordingly. Global Missions does not stock or sell the textbooks so you would need to get them from Amazon or some other vendor.
17. Each assignment can be turned in with the names of both you and your spouse (if married). It's like group work assignments in high school and college.
18. Assignments are submitted to Bro. Kassner at dkassner@upci.org.
19. We try to grade your assignments within ten days or let you know of the delay.

20. Each assignment is graded as Pass or Fail. Pass: good job, proceed on. Fail: stick with us a little while longer and give your work more attention.

Step Six:

21. Sister Linda Poitras assists me with the Continuing Missionary Education program. She, among others, is involved with grading your work.
22. You can take as long as you like to complete courses. Travel at your own speed. The only thing to keep in mind is there are completion requirements for being approved in any of our programs beyond AIM.
23. With anything at all that confuses you along the way, and you are left confused about who you should contact, then just e-mail Bro. Kassner and any questions or concerns.

Other General Information

The information that follows is helpful but explains the overall program and has been sent out by e-mail. Some of these items are also included within course components. (Beware, so points are repeated here as well. Remember: intentional for your information).

This program is designed to educate and equip people for excellence in global missions ministry. The program targets those on the AIM program that would like to pursue associate missionary appointment, those in the associate missionary program that would like to pursue intermediate appointment, and intermediate missionaries that would like to pursue career appointment.

We seek to educate, equip, empower, and encourage innovation in reaching our globe with the whole Gospel while allowing appointed personnel to remain committed to their mission context.

Courses taken through Global Missions are being developed at a standard where we would hopefully be able to seek an articulation agreement with colleges in North America.

Our Requirements:

1. The completion of two courses prior to Associate Missionary appointment.
2. The completion of four courses prior to Intermediate Missionary appointment. (This would include the two courses taken at the previous level).
3. The completion of six courses prior to Career Missionary appointment. (This includes the four courses taken at the previous level).

Any applicant, after January 1, 2020 for the Associate Missionary, Intermediate Missionary, and Career Missionary appointments are required to complete the corresponding CME components/courses as part of the application process and prior to meeting the appropriate committee or board.

With couples, both the husband and wife complete the requirements (but can work together to fulfill these).

Our Paths:

The following courses designed in partnership between Global Missions, the Global Association of Theological Studies, and the Global Education Committee, are designed to be accessible from any location, even those with limited internet connectivity. Courses marked "Book Available" indicates the course will be available on January 1, 2018.

Courses would include but will not be limited to:

- 501. The Missionary Call
- 502. Introduction to Global Missions
- 503. Theology of Missions
- 504. Global Missions Policy, Procedure, and Finance
- 505. Global Missions Promotion
- 506. History of Global Missions
- 507. Missionary Life
- 508. Indigenous Church and Leadership Development
- 509. Strategies of Cross-cultural Communications, Church Planting, and Church Growth
- 510. Evangelism and Discipleship throughout the World
- 511. Trends in Global Missions
- 512. World Religions
- 513. Leadership and Team Dynamics in a Global Setting
- 514. Cultural Anthropology
- 515. Mission of the Church

Our Procedure:

Our initial/immediate approach will be to make courses/books available as required reading with the opportunity to answer chapter review questions.

This would be followed by, or developed into, audio or video instruction that go along with the textbooks. Instructors would be selected from a list qualified personnel within Global Missions and our expanded missionary community.

*This means those at Career Missionary appointment status would not be required to participate in the Continuing Missions Education program described here (but we would certainly be open to those desiring to do so).

*For those already at the Associate Missionary level you would only need to take two courses prior to Intermediate appointment.

*For those already at the Intermediate Missionary level you would only need to take two courses prior to Career appointment.

*With couples, our preference would be that both the husband and wife complete the requirements.

A certificate could be given for each course with a Certificate in Global Missions provided for the completion of six courses.

A simple method of evaluation would be used for each of the courses. Currently, the only charge to our missionary personnel would be the cost of the books involved. This can come out of the PIM account if funds are available.