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*A Multi-cultural and International
Missionary Training Community
Committed to helping you*
Get There! Stay There! Be Effective!

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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to Gateway Missionary Training Centre!

Gateway is a unique missionary training program committed to preparing missionary candidates for successful cross-cultural ministry. Unlike typical schools, Gateway does not focus on simply acquiring more head knowledge. I have learned through many years of being a medical doctor and a missionary that skills and character development play an even more important role.



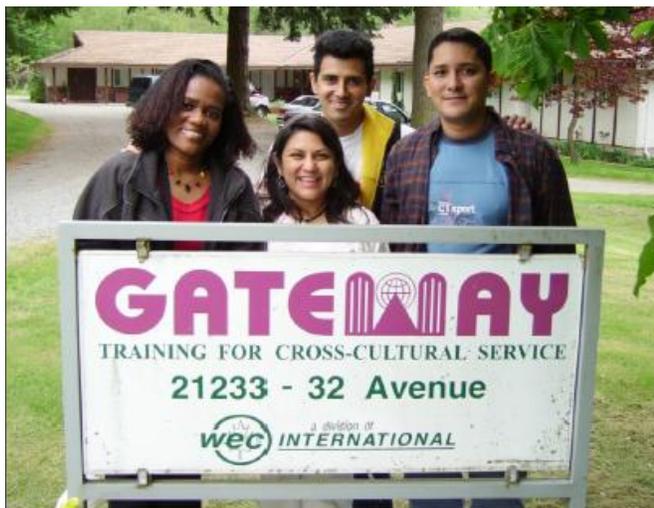
At Gateway, our holistic program is designed to produce growth in every area of the candidate's life. We see a successful and effective missionary as someone with a sound knowledge base, finely honed skills, and a godly character. In addition, our program uses a variety of formal and informal interactive training methods to broaden the student's learning experience and to specifically address key concerns and struggles which a missionary faces on the mission field.

Gateway is a microcosm and paradigm of a typical mission field. The different nationalities and backgrounds of the staff and students bring about an exquisite richness to this cross-cultural milieu. As students interact with others on the small residential campus they develop essential skills needed to adapt to foreign cultures. Cultural understanding is developed through eating, working, ministering, and worshipping together.

As the apostle Paul instructs us to be prepared for every good work, we too want to help you to have a long effective ministry overseas. May the Lord bless you richly as you seek to prepare yourself to bring the Gospel to the unreached peoples of the world.

Yours in His service,
Michael Boling
Director

Introducing a Unique Training Community



Gateway is a unique missionary training community that focuses on equipping the whole person for service in another country or culture. The program is structured to lead a trainee through a process that will enable him/her to face the very real challenges of cross-cultural work. Experienced staff members offer mentoring, guidance and counsel all along the way. Understanding is created through carefully designed study modules. Skills that are essential to the missionary vocation are also developed through practice and hands-on experiences. A well structured and supervised field internship produces maximum learning in a context similar to the one in which the trainee hopes to serve. Gateway's dynamic "action/reflection" model of learning is used throughout the program. Trainees move from the context of a caring, learning community, to an active cross-cultural experience and then back again to Gateway where they are debriefed in order to promote the greatest growth and understanding. Most trainees will be "field ready" when they complete the course. Those who need extra time or preparation will be well aware of the areas they need to work on. Gateway staff monitors the entire process and assists the candidate to chart a course for successful service.

A Study Centre

Trainees spend their first months at the Gateway Centre located in beautiful British Columbia. They work through modules that are designed to produce a foundational understanding of the rationale and strategy of missions, interpersonal relations, team

dynamics, missiology, cross-cultural adaptation, communications, and language skills. Growing in these key areas of understanding, attitude and skill development is the essential core of pre-field preparation. Modules covering cross-cultural evangelism and church planting also have extensive hands-on experience that brings theory into the realm of practicality. Bible courses are also offered in partnership with Pacific Life College in Surrey.

Hands-on Training

Once the initial residential component is finished, the trainee travels to exciting and challenging internship opportunities that are tailored to meet their geographical and service interests. This is not a typical short term missions experience – it is a well organized and complete learning package. A major portion of the time is dedicated to language and culture learning, utilizing skills that have been developed and practiced during their first months at Gateway.

A Caring Learning Community



Gateway has a great mix of people. Missionaries in training are invited to join permanent residential staff and visiting missionary trainers. Trainees come from different countries--and this multi-cultural component is helpful in learning the art of appreciation of other cultures. The supportive relational environment helps build strong and enduring foundations that will hold up to the stresses of cross-cultural service. Life in Gateway's "intentional community" builds faith, character, determination, and other important attitudes necessary to missionary success.

Who should come to Gateway?



Gateway will appeal to the committed evangelical Christian who senses God's hand on his or her life for overseas ministry. It takes work and dedication to turn that calling into effective field service. Mission agencies can't always provide adequate training, orientation, and personal attention to help a potential candidate get to the field. Many who feel called don't have formal Bible training and don't feel they can afford to spend years in a Bible school before getting to the field. Gateway will help them meet the agency's requirement for Bible studies. Others do have the Bible training and/or are well grounded in their knowledge and use of Scripture but lack the cross-cultural and missiological understanding they need to succeed. Gateway's specialized focus on practical cross-cultural training will help those candidates get there, stay there, and be effective.



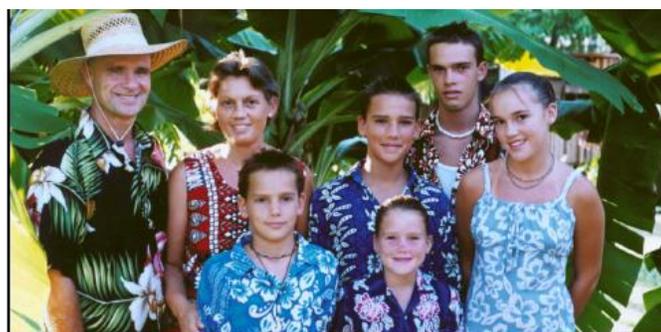
If God has called them, then we must help them --
Get There!

Thousands of sincere Christians have felt a tug on their heart to serve God in some cross-cultural capacity. Doubts, fears and life circumstances seem to overwhelm the impulse. They don't find the encouragement or guidance necessary to grow that calling into a vocation. Gateway is committed to standing with, encouraging, and training those with a calling to fulfill the will of God for their lives. But we are well aware of the fact that getting to the field isn't enough. There are two even greater challenges: staying there and being effective.



If they get there help them --
Stay There!

The missionary force from north America is in sharp decline. Roughly 1,750 missionaries return every year without finishing their commitment for PREVENTABLE reasons. This represents a staggering cost to the church of Christ. The price tag, in terms of the human factor, defies calculation. The present approach of the "survival of the fittest" does not work well. Without a doubt, comprehensive cross-cultural missionary training programs like Gateway's do make a difference in the longevity and effectiveness of missionary service.



If they stay there, we must help them --
Be Effective!

Through good training, stubbornness or perseverance, many missionaries do manage to stay on the field. But how many are really effective? Noted missiologist Don K. Smith estimates that only a small percentage of all western missionaries are really effective. Only effective people make effective missionaries and Gateway's holistic training focuses on the whole person. Starting with the right attitude and commitment to language learning and cultural adaptation are indispensable. Working with others in a loving way that recognizes and appreciates differences in each other is the other key factor that will determine effectiveness. Gateway builds these attitudes and provides missionary candidates with the skills needed to succeed.

Who benefits when a missionary candidate comes to Gateway?

Churches

Missionary sending churches benefit by receiving realistic appraisals of a candidate's suitability for overseas service. When the church sends their missionary candidate to Gateway, the feedback and evaluative reports that they receive will assist the church in making responsible decisions. Don't assume that the mission agency does this work. If a missionary fails it is that missionary and the sending church that ultimately pay the price of failure on the field.

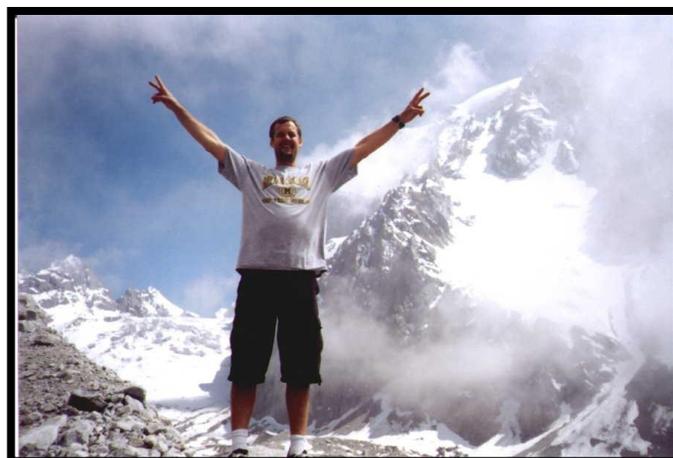


Mission Agencies

Missionary agencies have long understood the need for holistic and comprehensive training but are concerned about the costs in terms of time and finances. It is hard enough to get a candidate through the long and expensive path of Bible school and seminary (a common requirement that has in itself quelled the initiative of thousands of potential candidates). Gateway is eager to partner with mission agencies to address the problem of a dwindling pool of available recruits. Gateway offers a different kind of program, one that addresses the need for Bible knowledge and discipleship while also addressing the core curriculum in missionary pre-field training that leads to a successful missions career. We work with you in cultivating an active relationship with the potential candidate while giving them solid training that will help them stick with the agency over the years. Young adults love Gateway's community learning and the low cost, "fast-track" onto the field where they can work on their studies while learning the language, culture and ethos of the agency. Gateway will also help develop field supervisors and mentors for these candidates. Field leaders endorse and appreciate Gateway's structured field apprenticeship program.

Gateway's Vision

Gateway exists to help missionary candidates get there, stay there, and be effective! We assist evangelical churches, denominations and missionary agencies by training their candidates to be effective cross-cultural missionaries. We cooperate with other training institutions to provide pre-field training, guided internship programs and continuing education opportunities. We know we have accomplished our objective when our alumni get to their field, successfully adapt to their new context and make positive contributions to evangelism and growth of the Church.



Our Commitment

We believe we can best achieve our training objectives by:

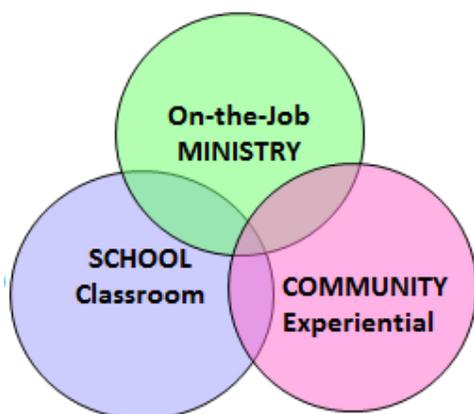
1. Living together as a multi-cultural learning community committed to the development of interpersonal relationship skills and the cultivation of personal and spiritual growth.
2. Providing classroom instruction by seasoned missionaries and other experienced practitioners.
3. Providing practical service opportunities amongst the diverse ethnic communities found in the Greater Vancouver area.
4. Facilitating successful internship and apprenticeship programs for candidates serving with evangelical mission agencies.

Programs

TRAX Program

This 6 month course begins in January and focuses primarily on cross-cultural ministry training. It is offered in conjunction with the various Bible colleges with which we partner but is also available for candidates who have already completed their church or mission agency's Bible and theology requirements. It begins in January each year and finishes with a one week debriefing session in July. It consists of a 14 week classroom and ministry component followed by a 90-day cross-cultural internship.

The internship is tailored to the needs of the candidate and can be served in almost any location with a cooperating mission agency.



TRAX is the primary training program of Gateway Training for Cross-Cultural Service. However, if students need to have more English or Bible training before taking the program, these can be taken through Gateway at other times of the year.

**For more information, see page 9:
e-TRAX (English and TRAX)
TRAX with Bible**

Other Program Elements:

1. Mentoring

During their course, each trainee is assigned a staff mentor. This one-on-one relationship affords each trainee an excellent opportunity to learn directly from an experienced missionary. Trainees can expect that they will be guided through the design of the internship, supported in their studies, challenged in their character and encouraged to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. The mentoring experience at Gateway is a crucial component from beginning to end. This is one reason we limit the enrolment at Gateway.

2. The Internship Design

The goal of training at Gateway is to prepare people for cross-cultural ministry. Adapting to a new culture, learning a language, communicating cross-culturally, and developing a ministry in a different culture requires the development of specific skills. This requires practice in real life contexts. The Gateway internship is a structured learning experience that intentionally develops needed skills to be successful as a missionary. This cross-cultural internship experience can be done in Canada or abroad and is individually structured to meet the learning objectives of the trainee. This component is for 90 days but students can make arrangements to stay longer.



3. The Internship Manual

A manual designed to structure the internship for maximum learning is provided for both the trainee and his/her supervisor. It contains daily and weekly assignments that assist the student in reviewing and applying course content from the residential portion of the program. It provides supervisors with needed forms and structure to evaluate the trainee's growth through the duration of the internship. Communication is maintained with Gateway staff throughout the internship period. Through the structured internship, the action/reflection model of learning is maximized. The result is integration of the classroom theory and life experience.



An experienced missionary acts as the trainee's supervisor during the language and cultural adaptation component. This person becomes the internship coach and acts as an on-site mentor holding the trainee accountable to achieve his/her personal goals and objectives during the internship experience. Gateway provides as much structure as possible in order to alleviate some of the burden of being responsible for a trainee. Supervisors have been extremely positive and appreciative of this structure.

4. Debriefing and Internship

The internship is brought to a conclusion with a week-long debriefing and "unpacking". The final touches are given to the trainees' learning experiences, and mentors help candidates plan the next steps to get to the field long-term.

TRAX Program Cost (in Canadian dollars)

Gateway staff members stand behind the program in a very concrete and practical way. All staff members are missionaries and bring their own support as working members of a missionary agency. Gateway does not pay staff salaries. This enables the community to function at a very reasonable cost which is passed on to the trainees.

Costs shown below are for a **single** trainee based on 2015 pricing, and are approximate. Contact Registrar to receive couple and family rates.

Non-refundable Application fee CAN	\$ 30
Deposit upon acceptance (applied to first month's tuition)	\$ (100)
Tuition (14 weeks of modules)	\$ 1,400
14 weeks Room, Board, Internet	\$ 1,545
Health Insurance	
Internship*	~ 3,000
Books (approximate)	\$ 200
Debrief Week (includes Room & Board)	\$ 200
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TOTAL	\$ 6,375+*

There will be additional personal expenses for weekend/holiday meals, washroom items, transportation, and entertainment. Optional costs might be for obtaining a Canadian driver's license. For parents, child care & education costs can be very high.

***(Internship)** Every trainee goes on an individual short term trip or local cross-cultural experience, putting into practice the skills studied during the classroom portion of the program. In January the Director works with trainees to help discover a mission field or similar people group location that might work well for that particular trainee. The Director makes initial contact with the receiving field. Then it is the responsibility of the trainee to communicate with the field to determine travel plans /costs, meeting place, required shots, housing /field/ministry costs, visa requirements, etc.

Payment Policy

Apart from application/acceptance fees, all costs (paid in Canadian cash, Canadian cheque, or bank transfer) are collected at the end of each month of completed studies.

Note: Overseas students may be required by Immigration Canada to demonstrate proof of adequate finances before a student visa is granted.

Admission Policy

This course is not intended for new converts, nor for recent high school graduates. They should be growing spiritually and professing their calling and commitment to cross-cultural ministry service.

For admission to the program, an applicant must:

1. give a wholehearted endorsement to the centre’s doctrinal statement, including a demonstration of a personal knowledge and walk with the Saviour, Jesus Christ,
2. give an affirmation of personal conviction that God is calling the trainee into missionary or cross-cultural service,
3. have a recommendation from their home church acknowledging that the trainee is under consideration for full time cross-cultural service,
4. have completed high school, and be at least 19 years of age,
5. be in good health; physical, mental, and emotional
6. apply with spouse if married,
7. have an adequate level of English (determined by a Skype interview after formal application is received).

WK	MODULE TITLE / DESCRIPTION
1.	Orientat
2.	Overseas Life Issues
3.	Raising & Keeping Partners in Ministry
4.	Building Strong Cross-cultural Teams
5.	Spiritual Dynamics
6.	World Law and Cross-cultural Evange
7.	*Language Acquisition
8.	Becoming a Disciplemaker
9.	Church Planting
10.	Understanding Culture
11.	Ethn
12.	Resolving Cross-cultural Conflicts
13.	Adapting to Culture
14.	Internship

* Shaded modules are special intensive weeks with classes morning and afternoon.



Other Weekly Classes and Activities

- ◆ Ministry Practicum
- ◆ Leading a Discipleship Group
- ◆ Experiencing God Study
- ◆ World Mission Course
- ◆ Mentoring
- ◆ Community Life and Work
- ◆ Internship Preparation

Program Extensions

TRAX with Bible

B-Trax is a 10-month program that begins the first week of September and ends at the conclusion of Trax. It is offered in partnership with [Pacific Life Bible College](#) in nearby Surrey. From September through December, students live at Gateway while attending Bible courses on the PBLC campus. The second semester follows with the TRAX program. Successful completion of the entire program is worth up to 35 credits. Some Bible colleges offer the option of utilizing this first year towards other degrees, many of which can be completed through correspondence and extension methods. Courses offered for those without formal Bible training include:

- New Testament Survey
- Old Testament Survey
- Pentateuch
- Systematic Theology 1
- Systematic Theology 2
- Bible Research
- The Gospels

Gateway does not grant transfer credit and this part of the program must be pre-approved by a credit granting institution if it is intended to fulfill academic requirements towards a degree. Our partner Bible colleges grant 18 credit hours for successful completion of the TRAX program when it is a part of the full, 10 month TRAX with Bible program. Other institutions may be willing to grant credits but the student must take initiative for this.

Gateway costs for the Bible portion of B-Trax:

(for a *single* student.) *Please remember to add tuition, transportation, and Trax program costs.*

Room, Board, Internet, Health (approx 4 months)	\$ 2,060
Subtotal	\$ 2,060+

***For tuition costs and other fees for Pacific Life Bible College, check out their website at www.pacificlife.edu. Similar programs may be possible through Acts Seminary under certain circumstances.**

e-TRAX

E-Trax is a course designed specifically for missionary candidates who are non-native speakers of English and whose mission requires them to be able to communicate in English. It is a one-year course intended to improve a trainee’s English language level to meet the minimum Trax entry level of TOEFL 500 or IELTS 5.5 or equivalent. It begins in July and continues through the Trax program. E-Trax is only offered to approved mission organizations and their candidates. To see if the mission you are with is an approved institution, please contact the registrar at

info@gatewaytraining.org

Costs for e-TRAX Program:

for a *single* student. Contact Registrar to receive couple and family rates.

Tuition (July to January)	\$ 2,100
Room, Board, Internet, Health	\$ 3,090
Books (approximate)	\$ 150
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Subtotal	\$ 5,340
TRAX (see Page 7)	\$ 6,375+
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TOTAL	\$11,715+



Additional notes for International Students



International students are also required to demonstrate an English language proficiency equivalent to TOEFL 500 or IELTS 5.5. (Gateway offers an English course, preceding the TRAX program, known as e-TRAX. It runs from July until the end of January.)

Missionary candidates who do not reside in North America will be accepted only if they are referred to us from a Gateway approved international mission agency such as WEC, Wycliffe or Frontiers, and if that agency requests them to take training at Gateway. Exceptions may be made for other applicants who present compelling evidence for training at Gateway rather than taking their pre-field training in their own region of the world.

Documentation must be available to prove to Immigration Canada that the applicant has sufficient funds to pay for the course and their personal needs.

Married applicants are both expected to participate in the program. Therefore, both are asked to fill out individual application forms and supply individual references.

Application procedures

Application forms can be requested by contacting the Registrar using the contact information located on the cover page of this catalogue.

When you have completed the forms and sent them to the Registrar Gateway will confirm receipt of your application, medical report and references as they are received.

Once all application and references are received they will be reviewed and candidates will be informed of their acceptance status.

Course Dates / Enrollment Deadlines

The **e-TRAX** course begins in July each year.
Application **deadline is March 15**

International Students Only
(allows time for visas)

The **TRAX** course begins in January each year.
Application **deadline is July 1**

TRAX with Bible usually begins September
(depending on partnering college schedule)
Application **deadlines are January 1 or April 1**

Accommodations for families and couples are very limited. Please apply early!



Gateway and WEC International



WEC International (an inter-denominational "faith" mission with a 100-year history) developed Gateway to serve its international mission network now working in over 70 countries around the globe, as well as the greater evangelical mission community in North America.

The vision for Gateway developed out of the observation by WEC leaders that missionary candidates who merely pursue Bible college/seminary training do not necessarily gain the practical skills essential for becoming effective cross-cultural workers. Also, various theological institutions across Canada have downsized or eliminated their missions departments due to the decreased enrolment. This points to large shifts in how churches and young people are thinking about missions and the need to create community-based training programs that will allow those exploring a missions calling to do so without the long academic training path that historically has been the route to getting to the field. The explosion of short-term missionaries also points to the appeal of a shorter, more practical and experiential route to missionary service.

Gateway is WEC's North American missionary training centre, one of six centres WEC International operates around the world. Students who come here will gain the benefit of training for missions under the auspices of a large and respected evangelical faith mission. Although sponsored by WEC, Gateway is not a candidate course for joining WEC International. Gateway trainees who want to join WEC are still required to go through normal application procedures which include the WEC Candidate Orientation (CO).

We want to reiterate that ALL evangelical mission agencies and churches are welcome and encouraged to use Gateway's training programs. Gateway's staff is deeply committed to helping your missionary candidate grow in their loyalty to the organization and in their ability to serve you as effectively as possible.

Statement of Faith

Gateway affirms the basic tenets of the Evangelical Faith. We believe:

1. The Holy Scriptures, as originally given, to be inspired and the only infallible authoritative Word of God.
2. That there is one God, eternally existent in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
3. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death on the Cross, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His mediatorial work, and in His personal return in power and glory.
4. In the universal sinfulness and guilt of all mankind since the Fall, rendering man subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. That for the salvation of lost and sinful man, redemption through the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and regeneration by the Holy Spirit are absolutely essential.
6. In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.
7. In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
8. In the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ who comprise the Church which is His Body.

