



~Why do you use the term membership nation rather than membership school?

There is only one application to GATS per nation. This application covers all training programs within the said country, rather than submitting an application for each school and/or training program.

We also want to make sure that the school or training program has the permission of its national board before processing an application.

~What are the requirements for becoming a membership nation of GATS?

“Training is the most effective way to reach any country”
Brad Thompson
Missionary

Any nation can apply, but the application must come from and through the national board.

Application is made through completing the provided application forms.

Each membership nation pledges to adopt the GATS curriculum. For GATS purposes we define “curriculum” as all material being studied including the subjects, required classroom hours, and course objectives.

Membership nations need to comply with the teacher qualifications stipulated by GATS.

Of course, all required reports and fees must be provided to GATS to maintain membership.

~What are the teacher qualifications required by GATS?

Teachers must have a godly character and adhere to the international Articles of Faith of the UPCI.

They should demonstrate competence in one’s discipline (area of instruction).

“The progressive church is committed to training men and women around the world to take their gospel to their own people.”
James Poitras
Missionary



Teachers should demonstrate evidence of ability to communicate effectively, aptitude for progress, and contain a genuine spiritual life.

They should have academic and/or work life experience credentials. Although, it is recommended that each teacher is a Bible school graduate, this is not always possible or practical.

A personal growth plan stating where each teacher is presently with academic credentials, etc. and what he hopes to attain in the future, and his plan for continuous improvements is required with the application to GATS.

Faculty education programs should be provided in each region, sub-region, among cluster nations, or within the individual countries to further educate teachers throughout the region.

~What is the procedure for obtaining membership status?

Intent Status ~

A potential membership nation or school should send a "letter of intent" to GATS to inform us they are interested in joining. This will initiate the application process. Or, a potential membership nation could begin this process by sending the application forms and other pertinent documents.

Applicant Status ~

Upon receipt of application in the GATS, the forms will be screened by the coordinator. If any adjustments are needed, the coordinator will make appropriate comments and return the application or explanation letter to the applying nation.

If the application seems complete, a letter will be sent to the applying nation stating that the application has been received, is on file, and will be reviewed by the Global Education Committee for approval into membership status.

Once the application has been received, and until it is approved, it is assumed that the applying nation is viewed as having applicant status with GATS.



Membership Status ~

When approval is given a certificate verifying membership will be sent to the applying nation.

Status is subject to reevaluation every three years for continued compliance with GATS requirements.

If problems become evident at any time, the membership nation and its training programs will be given advice and opportunity to correct the problems as per the recommendations of GATS administration. The membership nation will be given three months to comply.

Failure to maintain the standards of GATS may result in removal of membership status.

Inactive Status ~

1. A training program that becomes inactive or non-compliant will be termed "inactive."
2. Should the period of inactivity exceed two years a new application must be presented for approval.
3. Under the two years the membership nation would need to confirm compliance with GATS, provide a scope and sequence, and a list of faculty with their qualifications.
4. During the "inactive status" they would not have representatives in the sub-regional GATS meeting.

Annual Report ~

An annual form or letter will be required to verify compliance with GATS standards. This form allows membership nations to reaffirm they are operating in compliance to GATS guidelines. It includes an academic calendar and any change in curriculum, faculty, and faculty qualifications. We are planning that these points will be satisfied within the regular annual Budget and Curriculum form to save time.

~What provision is there for applying nations that may need a period of time to transition to GATS?

Membership status will not be withheld as long as the applying nation indicates a transitional process, and is working diligently toward it.



~How can we receive a copy of the GATS membership application?

E-mail GATS@upci.org or visit <http://gatsonline.org> to receive an electronic copy.

~Where do we send the application?

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