

Core Competencies for Missionary Training

Assemblies of God World Missions

Competencies and Practices	Corresponding Core Values (“We are committed to...”)
1. Bible and Theology a. Knowing the biblical story, the gospel b. Allowing the story to transform our worldview c. Using God’s story for evangelism and discipleship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A biblical understanding of the mission of the Church. ◆ Proclaiming the gospel to unreached people.
2. Theology of Mission a. Biblical theology of mission b. AGWM core values c. Church planting, the indigenous church, unreached people groups (UPGs) d. Making disciples who make disciples e. Reach, plant, train, serve (RPTS) f. Partnership g. Incarnational ministry h. Money and missions, unequal power, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A biblical understanding of the mission of the Church. ◆ Fulfilling our mission in the power of the Holy Spirit through Pentecostal practice and teaching. ◆ The principles of the indigenous church and partnership. ◆ Proclaiming the gospel to unreached people.
3. Understanding Culture a. Tools for exegeting culture b. Challenging our ethnocentrism c. Living and working within the culture d. Understanding our cultural biases <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Truth/time orientation ii. Living in a collective society iii. Cross-cultural leadership e. World religions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Understanding the culture and worldview of those people with whom we work.
4. Spiritual Formation a. Personal spiritual maturity and spiritual disciplines b. Living and working in community <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Conflict management ii. Servant attitude and action iii. Community spiritual disciplines c. Spiritual warfare d. Living and ministering in the power of the Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Practicing spiritual disciplines for the development of personal spiritual formation. ◆ Fulfilling our mission in the power of the Holy Spirit through Pentecostal practice and teaching. ◆ The team concept of working together as missionaries.
5. Contextualization a. What is contextualization? Developing a contextually appropriate message and ministry. b. Tools for contextualizing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Contextualizing the message b. Contextualizing ministry skills 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Understanding the culture and worldview of those people with whom we work. ◆ The principles of the indigenous church and partnership. ◆ Holistic missions in word, deed, and spirit.
6. Missionary Life and Work a. Family life: creating a home, parenting; children’s education b. Singles and gender issues c. Language learning/lifelong learning d. Bookkeeping and reporting e. Culture shock, expectations, counting the cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The team concept of working together as missionaries. ◆ Holistic missions in word, deed, and spirit.
7. Building Home Base—Mobilization a. Effectively communicating call to home churches b. Raising funds as partnership c. Communicating missiology to home churches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What is a missionary? ii. What is an unreached/least-reached people group? iii. How do we work together to see God’s mission accomplished in the world? iv. How do we challenge national churches to launch missions agencies? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A biblical understanding of the mission of the Church.