



CROSS-CULTURAL COMPLETION FORM*

**For students who entered in academic years 2002-2003 through 2005-2006*

Students live in a world of differences (cross-cultural in terms of ethnicity, language, socio-economic status, religion, ideology, assumption, gender, nationality, etc); therefore cross-cultural dimensions are intrinsically part of the whole curriculum at Garrett-Evangelical. In addition, each student must complete a cross-cultural requirement in a culture other than one’s own. The purposes of this requirement include both the need to gain a deepened awareness of the cultural and religious world in which we minister, as well as a heightened awareness of one’s own cultural context and one’s own personal identity.

This requirement can be met in a variety of ways. Each includes an immersion, a structured process by which a student is prepared for and debriefed after the immersion, and theological reflection. Students are expected to demonstrate the ways in which their own cultural perspectives are clarified and challenged. This requirement must be met while students are actively enrolled in a degree program and before students begin their last year of the program. It can be completed in the following ways:

- travel course (either local or overseas), with both an immersion experience and theological reflection
- field education site that is intentionally cross-cultural and addresses issues of pastoral formation
- regular course offering (e.g., cross-cultural hermeneutics) that includes an immersion component beyond a field trip (e.g., participating in Orthodox Church worship over several weeks and engaging in dialogue with persons from that tradition)
- exchange program with an institution in a different cultural context (ideally for a semester)
- independent study that includes an immersion component and theological reflection.

Alternatives to this requirement must be approved by the Cross-Cultural and International Theological Education Committee after reviewing a student’s prior cross-cultural experience.

I certify that _____ has completed the cross-cultural requirement completing the following:

Faculty’s signature
(by the faculty member overseeing the project/course)

date