Encounter the Essentials

Designed as a foundational qualification for church and ministry workers in a range of fields, the Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology (10433NAT*) provides you with opportunities to gain both theological knowledge and a broad range of practical, personal ministry skills.

Graduates with the qualification may find employment as lay workers, youth workers, chaplains or mission support personnel. Lay workers achieving the Certificate are eligible for accreditation as a lay worker in the Lutheran Church of Australia.

Students are able to further their study through ALC’s undergraduate courses accredited through the University of Divinity.

Special focus

Interested in working as a school chaplain/religious pastoral support worker?

Contact the School of Theological Studies to discover your study options.

Practical ministry training

The whole course is nice and flexible and I can fit it easily into my life. – Erin

How relevant it is to my walk as a Christian. – Andy
Flexible delivery

ALC delivers subjects of the Certificate IV in a variety of study modes, including group study, intensives, online and workshops.

Gather eight people and we will bring our workshops to your location!

Course requirements

To achieve the Certificate IV you need to complete nine units of competency. There are six core units and three elective units that make up the course. ALC delivers these units via the following subjects.

Core subjects

6 required core subjects

Beliefs
Reflect on your personal faith journey as you encounter the key themes and issues of the Christian faith. (GS, I, O)

Bible
Journey through an overview of the books of the Old and New Testaments in this Bible unit with a difference. (GS, I, O)

Christian Reconciliation
Cultivate a lifestyle of reconciliation and live out the call to be peacemakers. (GS, W)

Gracious
Embrace the challenge of Christian character and discipline. (GS, O)

Spiritual Resilience
Discover the gift of spiritual resilience and hear how God speaks into our lives. (O, W)

Connection
Discover effective and biblical ways to share the gospel in today's culture. (GS, O)

Elective subjects

Choose 3 subjects to meet course requirements

Building Healthy Relationships
Understand what it takes to build healthy relationships. (O, W)

Creating Missional Communities
Explore how missional communities can grow congregations and plant new churches. (O)

Equipping for Leadership
Reflect on, and grow in, Christ-like leadership. (O, W)

Missional Leadership
Investigate what a missional leader is and what a missional leader does. (O)

Toolkit for Ministry
Learn different models for managing your time in a ministry context. (O, W)

Delivery modes

Group Study (GS) – lead a small group using the supplied handbook

Intensive (I) – delve deeply at a three- or four-day intensive

Online (O) – engage with content in an online environment

Workshop (W) – learn ministry skills at a two-day workshop