

Australian Lutheran College

Statement of Course Assurance

for enrolling students

Introduction

Australian Lutheran College ('the College') has been approved as Higher Education Provider (HEP) under the *Higher Education Support Act (HESA) 2003*. The College now utilises the Commonwealth Government FEE-HELP (higher education loan program) funding to assist ALC students in pursuing their education at the College.

One of the requirements under the *HESA 2003* legislation (sections 16.30 and 19.40) is that the College must put in place assurances for

- student contribution/tuition fee repayment, and
- course assurance provisions

in the event that the College ceases to be able to provide an accredited course, or courses, of study.

Course Assurance provisions at ALC

- The College has negotiated the following course assurance provisions so that, if the College were unable to continue to offer the course(s) of study in which you are enrolled, you would either
 - i receive a refund of the student contribution or tuition fee for any incomplete units of study; or
 - ii the funds paid for such incomplete units of study will be transferred (with your agreement) to the other institution(s) ['second provider'] with whom the College has reached agreement on course assurance, and with whom you would enrol; and
 - iii if requested by you, a place would be purchased in a similar course of study and leading to the same or comparable qualification with a second provider.
- A *Course Assurance Agreement* has been signed with the Lutheran Church of Australia (LCA) by which the church guarantees items i, ii and iii above.
- A *Course Assurance Agreement* has been signed with the Australian Catholic University (ACU) by which the ACU will, in the event of ALC ceasing to be able to provide the course of study in which you are enrolling, offer to enrol you in a similar course of study (see List of courses, [Attachment 1](#)). You will be given full credit for the units of study completed, and the course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification.
- A *Course Assurance Agreement* has been signed with the Adelaide College of Divinity (ACD), and has been agreed verbally, by which the ACD will, in the event of ALC ceasing to be able to provide the course of study in which you are enrolling, offer to enrol you in a similar course of study (see List of courses, [Attachment 2](#)). You will be given full credit for the units of study completed, and the course will lead to the same or a comparable qualification.

What does this mean for you?

- The alternative courses which would be available to you if the above provisions became necessary and the qualifications to which they would lead are listed in *Attachments 1 and 2*;
- As stated above, in respect of the alternative course of study you would receive full credit for the units of study you have completed with ALC;
- Please note that in the event that the course assurance provisions were needed, the second provider may have a different student contribution or tuition fee for the course of study, so that the amount you may be required to pay may vary;
- Also note that you are not obliged to enrol in the course(s) in which you are offered enrolment under the course assurance arrangement, but if you enrol with a third provider there is no obligation to offer full credit transfer for the units of study completed.

Attachment 1

Details of courses included in the MOU with Australian Catholic University.

Attachment 2

Details of courses included in the MOU with the Adelaide College of Divinity.

The Statement above and attached course information, as well as details of Unit descriptions and Assessment information may be found in the ALC *Handbook* and on its website <http://www.alc.edu.au/admissions/handbook/index.asp>

**Australian Catholic University recognises the
Australian Lutheran College (ALC) courses listed
for the purposes of the enrolment of ALC students
under the requirements of HESA**

Faculty of Arts and Sciences

Graduate Diploma in Theology in Education #

Graduate Diploma in Theology in Faith Community Nursing *

Faculty of Education

Master of Education

Master of Educational Studies

also relates to Faculty of Education

* also relates to Faculty of Health Sciences

Addendum to the
Memorandum of Understanding
between
Australian Lutheran College
and
Australian Catholic University

Australian Catholic University (ACU) recognises the Australian Lutheran College (ALC) courses as per Attachment 1 in the original MOU.

The following information was received from the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Affairs) of Australian Catholic University Ltd on 4 October 2004:

I write in response to [your] e-mail re the HEP course assurance deed for the ACU-ALC MOU. I sought details of possible equivalences prior to ACU agreeing to the MOU. I have now had some further work done on this and advise as follows:

<i>Australian Lutheran College</i>	<i>Australian Catholic University</i>
Graduate Diploma of Theology in Education	Graduate Diploma in Religious Education
Graduate Diploma of Theology in Faith Community Nursing	Graduate Diploma in Arts (Theology)
Master of Education Studies	Master of Education (coursework)
Master of Education	Master of Education (coursework)

I have discussed with Mr John Cameron, Executive Director, University Services the matter of legal advice - he is of the view that this is not necessary.

**Addendum to the
Memorandum of Agreement
between
Australian Lutheran College
and
Adelaide College of Divinity, Inc**

According to the MOU drawn up between the Adelaide College of Divinity and Australian Lutheran College, should the ALC cease to be able to provide a course of study, the ACD will offer to enrol students currently enrolled with the ALC in a similar course of study and will give full credit for the units of study completed with the ALC.

The ACD courses that would be available to ALC students would be the Bachelor of Ministry and the Master of Ministry. The fact that the ACD also provides the teaching in the Flinders University Bachelor of Theology, Bachelor of Theology Honours, Master of Theological Studies and Master of Theology would provide an additional pathway for ALC students should the need arise.

In the event that the MOU came into effect the ACD would provide entry to its Bachelor of Ministry or Master of Ministry to ALC students and would give credit in topics completed for similar awards. From the BMin or the MMin they would be able to transfer to the Flinders BTh, BTh(Hons), Master of Theological Studies or Master of Theology, depending on the stage of their studies.

The first three years of the Flinders Bachelor of Theology degree course involve the same topics as the ACD BMin and students wishing to transfer to the Flinders BTh may transfer credit from the BMin to the BTh. Students enrolled in the ALC Master of Theology would transfer to the ACD Master of Ministry or could apply for entry to the Flinders Master of Theological Studies or Master of Theology.

The courses that would be suitable for ALC students are as follows:

ALC	ACD/Flinders
Diploma in Theology	First year of Bachelor of Ministry
Bachelor of Theology	Bachelor of Ministry or Flinders Bachelor of Theology
Bachelor of Theology Honours	Flinders Bachelor of Theology Honours
Bachelor of Ministry	Bachelor of Ministry
Bachelor of Theology/Bachelor of Ministry	Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Ministry*
Master of Theology, Master of Ministry	Master of Ministry, Master of Theological Studies and Master of Theology

*Note: The ACD does not have a combined BMin/BTh degree; however, a student who had completed the ACD BMin (3 years full time) could proceed to the Flinders Master of Theological Studies (2 years full-time).

B George, Executive Officer
Adelaide College of Divinity, Inc