How do I start?

Enrol in your home institution

Students enrolling in the Lutheran Strand program must first be enrolled in or have completed an initial teacher training degree. Proof of such enrolment will be required prior to an ALC enrolment being finalised.

Enrol at ALC

Further information about the Lutheran Strand, as well as expression of interest and enrolment forms, can be obtained from the ALC website alc.edu.au.

Phone enquiries may be directed to the Academic and Student Engagement Administrator or email enquiries@alc.edu.au.

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What does ALC add to your teaching qualification?

ALC supplements initial teaching training with theological units designed to support the teaching of Christian Studies within the cultural and theological context of Lutheran schools.

Lutheran Strand

Lutheran schools begin the process of employing Australian Lutheran College Strand students around September each year. This is an exciting time for both the students and the institution.

In recent years, first year teachers who had completed the Lutheran Strand were employed in the following Lutheran schools:

- Bethany Lutheran Primary School, Raceview QLD
- Concordia Lutheran College, Toowoomba QLD
- Crossways Lutheran School, Ceduna SA
- Good News Lutheran College, Werribee VIC
- Good Shepherd Lutheran College, Darwin NT
- Immanuel Lutheran School, Gawler SA
- Living Waters Lutheran School, Alice Springs NT
- Maitland Lutheran School, Maitland SA
- Navigator College, Port Lincoln SA
- Redeemer Lutheran School, Biloela QLD
- St Jakobi Lutheran School, Lyndoch SA
- St Johns Lutheran School, Eudunda SA
- Trinity Lutheran College, Gold Coast QLD
- Trinity Lutheran College, Mildura VIC
- Unity College, Murray Bridge SA
- Vineyard Lutheran School, Clare SA

A significant number of first year teachers also found positions in the wider Christian school sector.

In addition to their modern educational function, Lutheran schools operate within an historical, cultural and theological context which makes them unique. In order to be effective teachers in the Lutheran school system, it is important that educators appreciate the culture and theology that underpin Lutheran schools so that their practice is consistent with these.

ALC offers units at undergraduate and postgraduate level which assist educators to understand the Lutheran education system and develop their skills as a Christian Studies teacher.

**Initial teacher training**

Education students at ALC must be enrolled in or have completed a state-recognised teaching degree. Many institutions will incorporate ALC units into their teaching degrees through credit transfer processes. Pre-service teachers should approach the Coordinator of Teacher Education at their home institution in order to ascertain how many ALC units will be credited.

**The Lutheran Strand**

There are several units which make up ALC’s initial teacher education program. Along with a series of vocational activities, these are collectively known as the Lutheran Strand, and can be taken at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

**Undergraduate Strand**

**Vocational Certificate**

Four units:

- Exploring the Bible
- The Christian Faith
- Principles and Context of Lutheran Schooling
- The Practice of Lutheran Education

Most students complete one unit each year for four years.

**Postgraduate Strand**

**Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education**

Three units:

- Introduction to Lutheran Education
- The Christ-centred School
- Teaching in a Lutheran Education Context

This course can be undertaken either part-time or full-time.

**Modes of study**

While ALC is committed to the benefits of having students learn on campus at ALC or Australian Catholic University’s Brisbane Campus, it is understood that this is not always possible or available. Undergraduate Strand units are generally offered via both workshop and online modes. All postgraduate units are offered flexibly and some may include face to face opportunities.

**Additional requirements**

Lutheran Strand students in the greater Adelaide and Brisbane areas meet individually and collectively at various points on their journey though the Lutheran Strand.

Students also are also required to complete their final professional experience block in a Lutheran school. This final block involves the teaching of Christian Studies.

**Accreditation**

The ALC Lutheran Strand program partially completes the requirements for accreditation as a Christian Studies teacher as set down by Lutheran Education Australia (LEA). Graduates complete the rest of the accreditation process once they are teaching in a Lutheran school.