Qualification Information

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. Within the Lutheran Church of Australia, the Certificate IV forms part of the foundational qualification for lay worker accreditation.

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

Flexible delivery

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

We are able to deliver our workshops in your location. Contact our VET team to find out more about this option.

Encounter the Essentials

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

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Encounter the Essentials

The Certificate IV in Christian Ministry and Theology (10433NAT*) is a nationally accredited Vocational Education and Training (VET) course.

The VET subjects are relevant to the ongoing challenges faced by people of the church today. They have an emphasis on practical ministry training and this is demonstrated through our commitment to flexible delivery, ecumenical interaction, learning through experience and the joy of discovery.

ALC VET is an ideal way to deepen your faith and learn practical skills for ministry.

Our Certificate IV is a one year full-time course that can also easily be completed part-time within two or three years.

How do I start?

Visit the ALC website, read the VET Student Handbook, then fill out the application for admission form on the ALC website and return to enrolments@alc.edu.au.

Once you’ve received confirmation of enrolment, you will be contacted by one of the VET team who will assist you to form a study plan. You’ll then be ready to enrol in subjects.

Core subjects

4 compulsory theological 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)*

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)*

2 compulsory ministry subjects
*(One subject must be chosen from option #1)*

Ministry subject #1 options:

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

OR

Worship
Understand the history of worship, and what are the essential elements within the divine service. *(O)*

Ministry subject #2:

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) – join the Higher Education intensive workshop for the subject content

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

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

Course requirements

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