

# How do I start?

## Find out more

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## Discuss your study plan

Speak to a course advisor at ALC to explore enrolment options and discuss your individual program.

Note: students who currently hold an ALC Graduate Certificate in Education which is less than 10 years old will gain credit towards the Master of Education and Theology.

## Complete your application

Go to the enrolment section of the website [alc.edu.au/study/apply](http://alc.edu.au/study/apply) and send your application for admission to [enrolments@alc.edu.au](mailto:enrolments@alc.edu.au).



‘Our schools are charged to deliver an education that is faithful to our Lutheran ethos and reflects the unique context of its local community.’

*Lutheran Education Australia Charter*



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# Master of Education and Theology



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# Study program

For most teachers the Master of Education and Theology [MEdTheol] comprises six units. Graduates will have demonstrated a capacity to engage in the conversation between education and theology with an appropriate degree of sophistication.

## Course structure

For suitably qualified teachers, the Master of Education and Theology includes

- Education and Theology in Dialogue
- A biblical unit
- Two education studies units
- A capstone unit or research essay
- An additional unit

## Units

Selected units must meet the pattern of the award. Credit may be available for relevant Masters level study from other institutions. ALC units include:

### Compulsory unit

- Education and Theology in Dialogue

### Biblical Studies

- Biblical Texts and Traditions
- Biblical Theology for Educators

### Theological Studies

- The Christian Faith in Modern Context

### Education Studies

- Contemporary Issues in Learning and Teaching
- Ethics, Values and Decision Making for Educators
- Leadership for a Christian Context
- Teaching and Leading Christian Studies

### Capstone or research units

- Capstone Project (24 points)
- Minor thesis (typically 16,000 words)

# Master of Education and Theology

A college of the University of Divinity, ALC is proud to offer this exciting award in postgraduate education for teachers. This qualification offers teachers a university degree with the flexibility to explore the nexus between education and theology.

## Emphasis

The study of theology is a gift and task for the whole people of God. Lutheran schools provide a vibrant education context for the study of the connections between education and theology. These complementary disciplines inform each other and are lived out side by side in the day-to-day life of schools.

For teachers working in a Lutheran school, the capacity to engage in the conversation between education and theology in the school context is of critical importance to the health and growth of the individual school and the school system.

The Master of Education and Theology enhances teachers' capacity to reflect on their role as a teacher and leader in the educational and theological environment of the Lutheran school.

## Structure

For teachers holding a Bachelor of Education or a graduate teaching degree with at least two years' full-time experience, the award comprises six units—a core unit, elective units and a capstone unit. The precise program will be individually negotiated to ensure the pattern is met. The award can be completed in one year full-time, but is generally studied part-time over three years.

Teachers who have not completed any previous theological studies will normally undertake

- Biblical Texts and Traditions; and
- The Christian Faith in Modern Context

at the start of their program. In some cases the unit

- Biblical Theology for Educators

will be deemed an appropriate alternative pathway.

## Early exit

Students may exit from the Master of Education and Theology with a Graduate Certificate in Divinity after completing three units. It is also possible to exit with a Graduate Certificate in Theology or a Graduate Certificate in Leadership if the pattern of these awards has been met.

Students should discuss their intentions with their course advisor if they wish to structure their program to embed particular early exit awards.

## Credit transfer

Credit may be available for previous relevant Masters level units.

## Graduate Certificate in Leadership

The Graduate Certificate in Leadership is a popular award which can be studied as a stand-alone award or embedded in the Master of Education and Theology.

### Structure

The Graduate Certificate in Leadership includes

- Leadership for a Christian Context
- Education and Theology in Dialogue
- Ethics, Values and Decision Making for Educators

ALC enhances teachers' education practice and reflection with practical theological grounding to support their work in Lutheran early learning, primary and secondary schools.

