

# 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

### Looking for more information?

- Check the ALC website [alc.edu.au/study/lutheran-strand-for-pre-service-teachers](http://alc.edu.au/study/lutheran-strand-for-pre-service-teachers), or
- Talk to staff in the Office of Student Records, or
- Complete an [online enquiry](#) form, or
- Email [enquiries@alc.edu.au](mailto:enquiries@alc.edu.au).

### Apply

Once you have received course advice, start your application on the ALC website at [alc.edu.au/study/apply](http://alc.edu.au/study/apply)



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

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# Want to teach in a Lutheran school?

Study for pre-service teachers



L E A R N I N G F O R L I F E

# Lutheran Strand teacher placements

Lutheran schools begin the process of employing ALC Lutheran 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
- Holy Trinity Lutheran College, Horsham VIC
- Immanuel Lutheran School, Gawler SA
- Living Waters Lutheran School, Alice Springs NT
- Maitland Lutheran School, Maitland SA
- Navigator College, Port Lincoln SA
- Redeemer Lutheran College, Biloela QLD
- Redeemer Lutheran School, Nuriootpa SA
- St Jakobi Lutheran School, Lyndoch SA
- St John's Lutheran School, Eudunda SA
- St Paul Lutheran School, Blair Athol 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.

## 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.

In addition to their modern educational function, Lutheran schools operate within an historical, cultural and theological context which makes them unique. 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 they teach consistently 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. Some 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 to ascertain how many ALC units can be credited.

### The Lutheran Strand

ALC's initial teacher education program, the Lutheran Strand, is made up of a number of units of study and a professional experience placement in a Lutheran school. It can be taken at either undergraduate or postgraduate level.

### Undergraduate Strand

#### Vocational Certificate

Four units:

- Old Testament Introduction or New Testament Introduction
- The Christian Faith
- Principles and Context of Lutheran Schooling
- The Practice of Lutheran Education

Most students complete one unit each year for four years and undertake their final professional experience placement in a Lutheran school and teach Christian Studies.

### 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. It is suitable for students concurrently enrolled in an initial teacher award or in the early part of their career. Students completing concurrent initial teacher training will normally undertake a placement in a Lutheran school which involves teaching Christian Studies.

### Modes of study

All Lutheran Strand units are fully online. Many also include opportunities to participate physically or virtually in intensives of up to three days. These normally take place during semester breaks. Students are encouraged to take part in intensives as they enhance student learning outcomes.

### 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.

ALC enhances initial teacher training with practical theological preparation to support teachers' work in Lutheran primary and secondary schools.

