

Accreditation program

	Connect (Induction, Sessions 1-4) <i>Pre-requisite for Equip 1 & 2</i>	Equip 1	Equip 2	
Time commitment	3 days	3 days	3 days	
Delivered by	School / region	Region	Region	
At Accredited as a teacher	Connect RPL 12 points (1)			
Ac Accredited as a Christian Studies teacher	Connect RPL 12 points (1)	Equip 1 (2) RPL 12 points (1)	Equip 2 (2) RPL 12 points (1)	
Al Accredited as a leader (3)	Connect RPL 12 points (1)	Equip for leaders (for leaders who do not have Ac status)		GradCert Leadership (5) OR LDP OR equivalent
At ALC graduates who do not teach Christian Studies (4)	Connect RPL 12 points (1)			
Ac ALC graduates who teach Christian Studies (4)	Connect RPL 12 points (1)			ePortfolio Assessment (4)
Maintaining accreditation All staff (7)	Accreditation is renewable every five years: Required PD hours : 25 to maintain At status and 50 hours to maintain Ac, Al and Acl status			

Notes:

- It is expected that teachers will complete their required Accreditation within their first three years of employment in a Lutheran school or ECS.
- LEA has negotiated for Connect, Equip 1 and Equip 2 to be recognised by the University of Divinity as suitable for inclusion in their Graduate Certificate in Education and Theology. Teachers who have successfully completed these in-service programs may apply for RPL for up to 50% of the award.
- As an alternative to completing Equip 1 and Equip 2 teachers may achieve accreditation Ac via an academic pathway. In this instance the Graduate Certificate in Education and Theology will consist of BS9004L Biblical Texts and Traditions, CT9004L Theological Foundations for Educators, DR9032 Teaching and Leading Christian Studies
- Teachers who completed:
 - Pathways prior to 2019 can complete the ePortfolio and submit it for recognition of prior learning (equivalent to one 12-point unit)
 - Equip prior to 2019 should contact Australian Lutheran College for advice on RPL. Email enquires@alc.edu.au
- All ALC graduates will need to complete Connect. Those who have completed the Lutheran strand or the GCTRE do not have to do Equip 1 or 2 but will normally substitute their Connect assessment portfolio with one which meets the requirements for accreditation as a Christian Studies teacher.
- The University of Divinity Graduate Certificate in Leadership which comprises DA9001L Leadership for a Christian Context (Core); DE9016L Education and Theology in Dialogue (Core); DE9035L Ethics, Values and Decision Making for Educators; DS9001L Spiritual Dimensions of Leadership in a Christian School
- LDP graduates meet Al (Accredited as a leader) requirements through completing ACU's Post Graduate Certificate in Educational Leadership as well as the LDP mentoring program and regional workshops
- Acl (Accredited as a Christian Studies teacher and leader) status applies to staff with Ac status who are subsequently appointed to, and meet the accreditation requirements for, a leadership position
- It is expected that all schools will offer one professional development day per year for staff formation and spiritual development. Accreditation can be maintained through participation in staff retreats, professional learning around the Lutheran lens (Ref Growing deep) for At and Ac staff, and through school based or regional Christian Studies days, DAN or AARE conferences for Ac staff.
- Non-teaching staff who complete Connect will be acknowledged with Accreditation to work in Lutheran education. For these staff, who hold a tertiary qualification, completion of Connect may be recognised as prior learning and contribute to a higher qualification.