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National Director – Welcome, Nau Mai, Haere Mai



It is my pleasure to warmly welcome you to Alphacrucis College, New Zealand. You will find that as well as providing excellent learning opportunities, we have a warm, caring community in which you will make yourself at home. We hope that you will know our staff well and make some good friendships with other students.

If you are new to tertiary study or returning to study after some time, study can be somewhat daunting. We are always willing to assist. We want to see all our students succeed. Please approach us if you need assistance.

Please use the handbook to familiarise yourself with the College both in its academic pursuits and community life. This will help you to receive the maximum benefits from your time with us and to make a great contribution yourself. Please consult a staff member if you are unable to find answers to your questions in this handbook.

Again, let me wish you all the best as you spend this time with us at Alphacrucis.

Ko Pirongia tooku maunga

Ko Waipa tooku awa

Ko Te Papa-O-Rotu raua Oomaero tooku Paa

Ko Tainui tooku iwi

Ko Ngaati Maahanga Hourua tooku haapu

Ko Te Awaiataia ko raua Kukutai tooku Rangatira

No Kirikiriroa ahau

Ko Leeana Kukutai tooku ingoa

Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa

Pirongia is my mountain

Waipa is my river

Te Papa-O-Rotu and Oomaero Paa are my maraes

Tainui is my region

Ngaati Maahanga Hourua is my people

Chief Te Awaiataia and Chief Kukutai are my ancestors

I am from Hamilton

My name is Leeana Kukutai

Greetings to you all

Ngā manaakitanga,

Leeana Kukutai

Kaiwhakarete O Alphacrucis New Zealand

National Director, Alphacrucis College, New Zealand

Studying at Alphacrucis College New Zealand

Choosing where to study is one of the most important decisions you will make. The College you choose will have a major impact on your future. You will be committing time, finances, and a great deal of mental and physical effort as you seek to acquire the knowledge and skills to make you effective in your chosen career. We believe that Alphacrucis College New Zealand offers excellent education within the framework of a Christian worldview.

Our Approach to Education:

We are dedicated to producing graduates who are passionate for God and capable of ministering effectively in our world. We see an inseparable connection between the skills and knowledge you acquire and the person you become. What you learn should change your life.

Our Hands-on Training:

As part of your study at Alphacrucis, you will gain practical experience in many aspects of Christian Ministry. You will be exposed to the influence of contemporary practitioners who are at the cutting edge of leadership and ministry.

Our Lecturers:

Teaching staff are at the heart of quality education. We employ lecturers who are specialists in the areas they teach, combining academic excellence with substantial hands-on experience.

Our Facilities:

ACNZ has excellent campus facilities and academic resources. Our library is well equipped and is committed to an ongoing policy of stocking the latest printed and digital publications. Our main campus is at 60 Rockfield Rd, Penrose. The spacious premises include the library, student cafeteria, classrooms with conference cameras, and administration offices.

Our Track Record:

The New Zealand Assemblies of God started in 1927, establishing their first bible college in Auckland in 1934 to equip men and women to fulfil the call to Christian ministry in New Zealand and overseas. Advance Ministry Training Centre was established in 1986, and in 1997 it became the National Ministry Training School for the Assemblies of God in New Zealand. In 2006 it has become Southern Cross College (NZ) in partnership with Southern Cross College in Sydney. In April 2009, the name was changed to Alphacrucis.

Our Pentecostal Ethos:

As the official ministry training college of the Assemblies of God in New Zealand, Alphacrucis offers a programme of study that is endorsed by the leadership of the movement. Our approach to training reflects the best of Pentecostal ethos and practice.

Our Philosophy:

Mission Statement:

Equipping Christian leaders to change the world.

Vision:

A global Christian University, transforming neighbourhoods and nations.

Values:

Christ-centred: We are committed to the Christian faith, to serving one another in humility and engendering compassion for all peoples.

Excellence: We are intentional in selecting foci and initiatives that raise the quality of our course offerings and research and are committed to modelling excellence that inspires emulation.

Integrity: We value transparency in our processes and interactions, accountability that fosters maturity, and reliability that is consistent.

Innovation: We value creative, purpose-driven innovation that provides accessible solutions.

Accreditation & Educational Affiliation

Alphacrucis College New Zealand (ACNZ) is registered and accredited by the New Zealand Qualifications Authority under the provisions of the Education Act 1989 to provide education and training based on the National Qualifications Framework. All NZQA accredited courses are NZQA approved or pending approval. ACNZ is a signatory to the Education (Pastoral Care of Tertiary and International Students) Code of Practice 2021 (The Code).

ACNZ is owned by Alphacrucis University College, Australia and Assemblies of God NZ Inc.

ACNZ is a member of the Christian Theological and Ministry Education Society Incorporated (CTMES Inc.), and Independent Tertiary Education New Zealand (ITENZ).

Links have been developed with many Bible Colleges and schools in New Zealand and overseas. Alphacrucis is a member of the Asia Pacific Theological Association (APTA) and has associations with the World Alliance for Pentecostal Theological Education (WAPTE) Asia Pacific Education Office of the Assemblies of God (APEO) and Springfield-based Global University (ICI).

Programmes of Study

The following programmes are accredited by NZQA:

Distance Only Programme

- Certificate in Christian Ministries (L4)

Campus, Distance and Blended Delivery Programmes

- Diploma in Chaplaincy (L5)
- Diploma in Christian Leadership (L5)
- Diploma in Theological Studies (L5)
- Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry
- Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry (Korean)

Courses can be completed on a full-time or on a part-time basis.

Semester Dates

There are two semesters each year. Each semester has a study break which generally aligns with the NZ school holidays. Students may begin their programme of studies at the beginning of the first or second semester. Applicants may be enrolled as part-time students in either semester.

Semester Dates for 2024

Semester 1: 4th March – 5th July

(Term Break: 8 - 19 July)

Semester 2: 22nd July – 22nd November

(Term Break: 30 Sep – 4 Oct)

When To Apply

Applications can be made up until 2 weeks before the beginning of a semester. Late enrolments will incur an additional fee.

Please refer to the programme overviews below for the Entry Requirements, Key Features and Papers.

Application Form

An application form is available from the College or on the [website](#). Simply contact our Registrar, Ruth Martin, at admissions@acnz.ac.nz or phone (09) 580 1500.

If your application is successful, and all your details are in order, we will make you an Offer of Place and ask you for any further information required to complete your enrolment. International students will need to pay all fees before obtaining a student visa.



Programmes

Certificate in Christian Ministries

This Level 4 programme gives students an introduction to Christian theology, biblical studies and discipleship as they relate to Christian ministry and pastoral practice in a variety of contexts.

The Internship programme provides learners with the opportunity to engage with Christian communities (churches and/or other faith-based agencies) and apply theoretical learning with ministry practice experience under appropriate mentoring and supervision.

This programme of study leads to the New Zealand Certificate in Christian Ministry (Level 4) with a strand in Internship.

Key Features:

- 50% hands-on
- Students may begin in either Semester 1 or 2
- Blended and Distance delivery through the e-learning platform Moodle
- Can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis, with a minimum of 15 credits (1 paper) and a maximum of 60 credits (4 papers) per semester
- To gain the qualification, students must successfully complete the six core papers, totalling 120 credits
- Upon completion, students may continue their studies in the Level 5 Diplomas in Christian Leadership, Theological Studies or Chaplaincy; the Level 6 Diploma in Biblical Studies, or the Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry.

Entry Requirements:

- NCEA L1
- Age 17 or over
- Over 20 years old may apply for mature entry
- Selection and mentoring by the learner's faith community may be required
- For international students for whom English is not a first language, IELTS 5.5 (Academic)

Papers:

	Component (Subject)	Level	Credit	Subject Code
1	Introduction to the Old Testament	4	15	BIBD01
2	Introduction to the New Testament	4	15	BIBD02
3	Christian Worldview	4	15	THED01
4	Christian Discipleship	4	15	SPID01
5	Fieldwork 1	4	30	MIND01
6	Fieldwork 2	4	30	MIND02
	Total Credits		120	

Diploma in Christian Leadership

This Level 5 programme allows students to gain a broad range of knowledge and skills in Christian leadership and ministry practice. This will create the opportunity to enter a ministry leadership career, as well as leadership roles in the not-for-profit sector and a wide range of community vocations.

This programme of study leads to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) with a strand in Leadership.

Key Features:

- 25% hands-on
- Students may begin in either Semester 1 or 2
- Blended and Distance delivery through the e-learning platform Moodle
- Can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis, with a minimum of 15 credits (1 paper) and a maximum of 60 credits (4 papers) per semester
- Selected papers may be offered as intensives
- To gain the qualification, students must successfully complete all the papers in the chosen option, giving 120 credits in total
- Upon completion, students may continue their studies in the Level 6 Diploma in Biblical Studies, or the Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry. Credits from some papers may be transferrable.

Entry Requirements:

- Age 17 or over
- Over 20 years old may apply for mature entry
- NCEA L3 or University Entrance
- Selection and mentoring by the learner's faith community may be required
- For international students for whom English is not a first language, IELTS 5.5 (Academic)

Course Structure:

Students have the choice between two different pathways. Option A includes 30 credits of ministry placement (total of 150 hours placement time), whereas Option B includes 60 credits of ministry placement (total of 300 hours placement time). These are outlined below.

OPTION A (with 30 credit ministry placement option)

Papers:

	Component (Subject)	Level	Credit	Subject Code
1	Narrative of the First Testament	5	15	BIB101
2	Writings of the New Testament	5	15	BIB102
3	Understanding the Faith	5	15	THE101
4	History of Christianity	5	15	HIS101
5	Leadership Principles	5	15	LEA101
6	Communicating the Gospel	5	15	MIN102
7	Ministry Placement 1	5	15	MIN103
8	Ministry Placement 2	5	15	MIN104
	Total Credits		120	

OPTION B (with 60 credit ministry practicum option)

Papers:

	Component (Subject)	Level	Credit	Subject Code
1	Narrative of the First Testament	5	15	BIB101
2	Writings of the New Testament	5	15	BIB102
3	Understanding the Faith	5	15	THE101
4	History of Christianity	5	15	HIS101
5	Ministry Practicum 1	5	30	MIN105
6	Ministry Practicum 2	5	30	MIN106
	Total Credits		120	

Diploma in Chaplaincy

This Level 5 programme allows students to gain a broad range of knowledge and skills in Christian ministry and Chaplaincy practice, creating the opportunity to enter a Chaplaincy career with options in armed service, hospitals, schools and a wide range of community chaplaincy places.

This programme of study leads to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) with a strand in Chaplaincy.

Key Features:

- 25% hands-on
- Students may begin in either Semester 1 or 2
- Blended and Distance delivery through the e-learning platform Moodle
- Can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis, with a minimum of 15 credits (1 paper) and a maximum of 60 credits (4 papers) per semester
- Selected papers may be offered as intensives
- To gain the qualification, students must successfully complete all the papers in the chosen option, giving 120 credits in total
- Option for membership of Chaplaincy New Zealand for graduates
- Upon completion, students may continue their studies in the Level 6 Diploma in Biblical Studies, or the Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry. Credits from some papers may be transferrable.

Entry Requirements:

- Age 17 or over
- Over 20 years old may apply for mature entry
- NCEA L3 or University Entrance
- Selection and mentoring by the learner's faith community may be required
- For international students for whom English is not a first language, IELTS 5.5 (Academic)

Papers:

	Component (Subject)	Level	Credit	Subject Code
1	Narrative of the First Testament	5	15	BIB101
2	Writings of the New Testament	5	15	BIB102
3	Understanding the faith	5	15	THE101
4	Communicating the Gospel	5	15	MIN102
5	Chaplaincy Foundations	5	15	CHP101
6	Chaplaincy Leadership	5	15	CHP103
7	Chaplaincy Practice 1	5	15	CHP102
8	Chaplaincy Practice 2	5	15	CHP104
	Total Credits		120	

Diploma in Theological Studies

A graduate of the Level 5 Diploma in Theological Studies will be able to demonstrate a foundational understanding of the biblical texts, use the tools of exegesis, describe the core theological beliefs of the Christian tradition and apply these to spirituality, church life and mission in a variety of contemporary contexts. They will have developed skills in pastoral ministry and leadership, grounded in a theological framework and locating Christian mission in local, bicultural and cross-cultural contexts.

This programme of study leads to the New Zealand Diploma in Christian Studies (Level 5) with a strand in Theological Studies.

Key Features:

- 25% hands-on
- Students may begin in either Semester 1 or 2
- Blended and Distance delivery through the e-learning platform Moodle
- Can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis, with a minimum of 15 credits (1 paper) and a maximum of 60 credits (4 papers) per semester
- Selected papers may be offered as intensives
- To gain the qualification, students must successfully complete all the papers in the chosen option, giving 120 credits in total

Upon completion, students may continue their studies in the Level 6 Diploma in Biblical Studies, or the Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry. Credits from some papers may be transferrable.

Entry Requirements:

- Age 17 or over
- Over 20 years old may apply for mature entry
- NCEA L3 or University Entrance
- Selection and mentoring by the learner's faith community may be required
- For international students for whom English is not a first language, IELTS 5.5 (Academic)
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Papers:

	Component (Subject)	Level	Credit	Subject Code
1	Narrative of the First Testament	5	15	BIB101
2	Writings of the New Testament	5	15	BIB102
3	Understanding the Faith	5	15	THE101
4	Introduction to Ministry	5	15	MIN101
5	Communicating the Gospel	5	15	MIN102
6	History of Christianity	5	15	HIS101
7	Leadership Principles	5	15	LEA101
8	Introduction to Cross Cultural Ministry	5	15	MIS101
	Total Credits		120	

Bachelor of Contemporary Ministry (English and Korean)

This Level 7 undergraduate degree programme aims to provide students with knowledge and skills with which to collect, analyse, organize, summarize and critically evaluate information on a broad range of topics and contemporary issues in Christian Theology and ministry from a wide range of sources.

It is designed to help people in their ministry and leadership, focussing on spiritual and character formation as well as practical aspects of ministry.

Key Features:

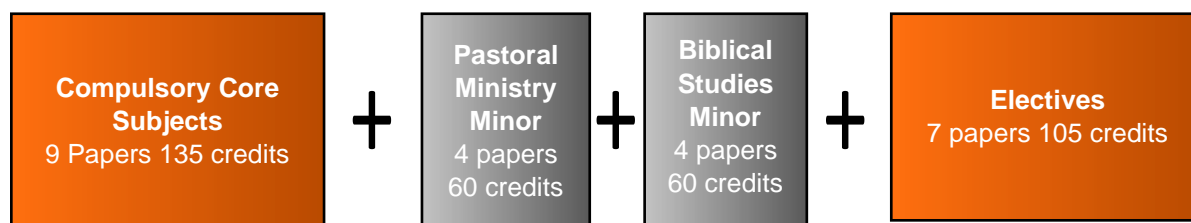
- Students may begin in either Semester 1 or 2
- Blended and Distance delivery through the e-learning platform Moodle
- Can be undertaken on a full-time or part-time basis, with a minimum of 15 credits (1 paper) and a maximum of 60 credits (4 papers) per semester
- Selected papers may be offered as intensives
- To gain the qualification, students must successfully complete 24 papers each worth 15 credits, giving 360 credits in total

Entry Requirements:

- Domestic students must have 42 NCEA Level 3 credits, a Level 5 New Zealand qualification or New Zealand University Entrance or equivalent
- English level of IELTS 5.5 or higher
- Students over 20 years old may apply for Mature Entry

Programme Structure:

Option 1:



To complete the degree, students must have the following credit and level distributions:

Subject Group(s)	Credits	Requirements
All Groups	360	135 credits in the Compulsory Core Subjects PLUS 60 credits in each of two Minor Subjects (120 credits) PLUS 105 Elective credits
Total Credits	360	Additional Requirements
All Groups		Where papers are common to more than one major or minor specialisation, these cannot be “double counted”
All Groups		150 credits or less at L100 (NZQF level 5)
Biblical Studies & Christian Thought Groups	120	At least 30 at L300 (NZQF level 7)
Ministries Group (Ministry, Missions, Leadership, & Management)	120	At least 45 credits at L300 (NZQF level 7)
Ministries Group (Practical Ministry)	45	At least 15 credits at L300 (NZQF level 7)
Any Elective	75	At any level
Total Credits	360	

Note: Not all electives are available every year: the Registrar will advise you which ones are being offered.

Graduation

One of the greatest joys for the College is the annual graduation. We are able to celebrate together and give thanks to God for the students' achievement. Both distance and campus students participate in this event which is also attended by faculty, friends, and family.



Post Graduate Studies

We offer post graduate programmes through Alphacrucis College, Sydney. These include pathways to Masters' and Doctoral degrees. If you are interested, please contact Dr Michael Frost our Postgraduate representative at the College, phone (09) 580 1500 or email Michael.frost@acnz.ac.nz

College Life

College life is empowered by the vitality of Spirit-filled worship that encourages the full expression of personal devotion to the Lord, warm-hearted Christian fellowship, and service. There is a strong emphasis on academic excellence, along with the practical elements of Christian life and the development of godly character.

Accommodation

The College does not arrange accommodation for students. In cases where a student has to come to Auckland for an intensive, some information can be provided. Contact the Registrar, admissions@acnz.ac.nz for more information.

English Language Competence

Since our courses are taught in English, except for the BCM in Korean, students must have adequate competency in English language. This includes Domestic students for whom English is a second language.

Overseas students must produce an IELTS certificate or equivalent if they are from a non-English speaking country (see course for level required). Western Europeans may be accepted without IELTS if they can verify that they have had at least 5 years of English at school or have previously studied in another English-speaking country. For International students enrolling in NZ, study at another institution (verified) or an interview may be used to verify English competency.

Financial Information

Alphacrucis College New Zealand is a Private Training Establishment (PTE) that receives Government funded subsidies for eligible domestic students. This funding, together with the generous contribution of time from the adjunct faculty and visiting lecturers helps in keeping costs to a minimum. Students are charged fees, which make up the balance of their tuition costs.

Full time domestic students may apply to [StudyLink](#) for student loans and allowances provided through the Ministry of Education (further details are available from the College).

Fee details are provided on a separate schedule available from the Registrar, and are protected by the Public Trust according to the NZQA Student Fee Protection Rules 2013 and the Tertiary Education Commission.

Domestic Students

Student fees are payable in full after the eighth day following the commencement of courses in each semester. Where students cannot meet this requirement an alternative schedule of payments may be negotiated. This may be on a weekly or monthly basis, payable in advance.

If you have not participated in any tertiary studies before, then you may be eligible for fees-free study allowances. For more information, please click on the weblink here: <https://www.feesfree.govt.nz/>

International Students

Students will need to pay their full fees prior to obtaining a student visa. When students make their fee payments, Alphacrucis will deposit the money into a secure trust account. A receipt and notification of acceptance will then be sent to the student so that a visa application can be made.

Contact Information

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