

Australian College of Christian Studies - Institution Information Set

1. About Australian College of Christian Studies

Australian College of Christian Studies (ACCS) is a College of higher education registered and accredited through the Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency (TEQSA).

ACCS exists to further the kingdom of God by equipping and empowering Christians through the Ministry, Theology and Counselling degrees we offer. ACCS courses are known for their biblical depth and theological application. We also build into students' lives by guiding and counselling them as they prepare to share the Word of God wherever their ministry takes them.

ACCS students come from different churches from different locations, each with a different calling, and are yet unified by the love of Jesus Christ and His people. Our role is to develop Christians from different backgrounds, ages and cultures, to deepen their relationships with God, to help them discover the purpose for their lives, and train them to fulfil those callings.

ACCS awards are highly regarded and widely recognised. Awards are recognised for entry into post-graduate courses at other higher education providers and universities. Our graduates are employed as Pastors, Counsellors, Youth Workers, and Chaplains and in many other ministries and vocational roles locally and internationally.

The ACCS campus is located at 10 Kiama St Miranda NSW.2228 with teaching locations also in Macquarie Park and Strathfield.

2. Admissions criteria

a. Applicants with higher education study

Prospective students, previously accepted for admission to a similar course of study at another Higher Education institution within the previous five years, may be enrolled on the basis of their previous admission.

Prospective applicants who have partially completed a similar course of study may receive credit for subjects already completed up to a maximum of 66%, or 2/3 of an ACCS course of study.

b. Applicants with vocational education and training (VET) study.

Admission to the Diploma of Theology is based on the successful completion of the NSW Higher School Certificate, an ASQA accredited Certificate IV (VET) or their equivalent.

Admission to either an Associate degree or a Bachelor degree is based on the Completion of an AQF Level 5 Diploma or its equivalent.

c. Applicants with work and life experience

Prospective students who left secondary education more than 2 years ago, or are aged over 21 years may apply for an ACCS undergraduate course of study.

d. Applicants with recent secondary education (within the past two years)

Admission to an ACCS undergraduate course is based on the successful completion of the NSW Higher School Certificate or its interstate equivalent or completion of an AQF level 5 Diploma or its equivalent. There are no ATAR requirements.

e. Admission under special circumstances

Prospective students who have not achieved the necessary academic qualifications for admission to an ACCS undergraduate course of study may request special consideration on the grounds of educational disadvantage. The following circumstances may apply:

- Socioeconomic reasons;
- Language difficulties;
- Learning difficulties;
- Disrupted schooling;
- Physical impairment;
- Serious family illness;
- Excessive family responsibility;
- Geographical isolation of home and/or school and lack of support time or facilities for study at home or school;
- Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent where the normal HSC or its equivalent entry path has not been followed.

3. How to apply

Application for admission to an ACCS course of study is made through an on-line enrolment application available on the college's website:

<http://www.ccs.edu.au/online-enrolment/undergrad-application>.

Documents that may be required for enrolment application include

- proof of citizenship, for example birth certificate or passport
- Transcript of Higher School Certificate, VET course Higher Education course or professional qualification
- Recent personal photo.

Prospective students are also required to provide the contact details of two people (not family members), one of which is the applicant's church minister or leader, who would be willing to give a character reference.

The prospective student will be advised of the receipt of the admissions application and the admission process activated through the office of the Dean of Students.

4. Enrolment

The prospective student will receive a letter of offer of enrolment on the successful completion of the enrolment process. The letter of offer includes the basis on which the application was approved and any advanced academic standing such as credit transfer or recognised prior learning if applicable.

Should the student wish to defer enrolment, an Enrolment Variation form will be required prior to the current Census Date.

An unsuccessful applicant will be advised on what basis the decision was made and informed that a review of the application outcome may be requested.

5. Tuition Fees

Tuition fees are paid prior to the commencement of each subject. Withdrawal from a subject prior to the Census Date will result in a full refund of the tuition fee with no academic penalty. A refund of tuition fees will not normally be given after the Census date. However, a student may apply for consideration of a refund on the grounds of exceptional circumstances.

6. Appeals and grievances

Appeals and grievances with ACCS are resolved through the application of the college's Grievance Handling Procedures which is available through the following link:
<http://www.ccs.edu.au/policies/grievance-handling-procedures>

7. ACCS Undergraduate Student profile

Applicant background	Trimester 1 & 2	
	Number of students	Percentage of all students
(A) Higher education study (includes a bridging or enabling course)	6	22%
(B) Vocational education and training (VET) study	16	59%
(C) Work and life experience (Admitted on the basis of previous achievement not in the other three categories)	5	19%
(D) Recent secondary education:		
• Admitted solely on the basis of ATAR (regardless of whether this includes the consideration of adjustment factors such as equity or subject bonus points)	N/A	0%
• Admitted where both ATAR and additional criteria were considered (e.g. portfolio, audition, extra test, early offer conditional on minimum ATAR)	N/A	0%
• Admitted on the basis of other criteria only and ATAR was not a factor (e.g. special consideration, audition alone, schools recommendation scheme with no minimum ATAR requirement)	0	0%
International students	N/A	0%
All students	26	100.0%

8. Where to get further information

- Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency
<https://www.teqsa.gov.au/students>
<https://www.teqsa.gov.au/national-register>
- Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching
<https://www.qilt.edu.au/>
<https://www.qilt.edu.au/for-students>

Further information on the college is available on the following links:

- ACCS Prospectus
<http://ccs.edu.au/images/documents/Prospectus%205%206.pdf>

- ACCS Policies
<http://www.ccs.edu.au/prospective-students/admission-information>
- ACCS Undergraduate courses
<http://www.ccs.edu.au/courses/christian-ministry>
<http://www.ccs.edu.au/courses/christian-counselling-courses>
<http://www.ccs.edu.au/courses/biblical-theology>