

New Diploma Program @ ALS

Here's everything you need to know about our new courses and qualifications!



What's happening?

We are now offering a *Foundational* course for those starting out in acting, and *Professional* courses for those with existing training or experience. Acceptance to the programs is via application. Both courses run Sundays and Mondays.

What qualifications are being offered?

We are offering three qualifications: *A Foundational Certificate of Achievement*; *A Professional Certificate of Achievement*; and a *Professional Diploma*. Our qualifications formally acknowledge the work you have done and the completion of a wide-ranging program of study. Diplomas and Certificates can be withheld if a sufficient standard of work is not met. They are not NZQA certified.

How does the content differ between Foundational and Professional?

Both courses are practical and performance based. *Foundational* classes focus initially somewhat more on looking 'under the hood,' with a focus on technique and your preparation, and somewhat less on practice 'on your feet.' *Professional* classes have the same mix but are tilted somewhat more toward practice. Both courses are taught by Industry Professionals.

What are the new courses of study?

These are a *Professional Diploma* and a *Certificate of Achievement*. There are two types of Certificates: *A Foundational Certificate* and a *Professional Certificate*.

- To attain a *Diploma* actors attend 64 Professional sessions altogether. At the end of one year/ 32 sessions they are awarded a *Professional Certificate of Achievement*. Some actors may choose to end their course of study here.
- Currently we offer a *Part time Professional* course of study – once a week for two years. Soon we will be adding a second Professional session, so actors can be *Full time Professional* in their study, attending twice a week, and completing the Diploma in just one year.
- Our Foundational program is one year/ 32 sessions, at which time students are awarded a *Foundational Certificate of Achievement*. Students can then apply to attend the Professional course. If accepted, they can complete the Diploma in just 48 sessions. On application, Foundational students may be able to attend some of their Foundational and Professional classes concurrently.

We prefer that study be consecutive but allow students to skip terms if necessary.

You don't have to enrol in a Diploma or Foundational course to attend ALS

Priority will be given to students enrolled in our long-term courses if space is short and, as their numbers increase, content will be more tailored to them. But you're still welcome to attend as a drop in without formally enrolling.

You can use past attendance towards your Diploma

If you have attended four or more terms of ALS already, you are eligible for a *Certificate of Achievement*. Email us to arrange this. There will be a ceremony to celebrate your achievement in November 2024 (if you are unable to attend, we will post the Certificate to you). Once you have the Certificate you are eligible to enrol in our Diploma course. If you then attend another four terms/ 32 sessions of the Professional classes, you will attain your Diploma.