

The Certificate & Diploma program @



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

What course is right for you?

We offer a *Foundational* program for those starting out in acting, and a *Professional* program for those with more training or experience, or those who have completed the Foundational program. Acceptance is via application. Adult courses run Sundays and Mondays.

What qualifications do we offer?

We offer 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. *They are not NZQA certified.*

How does the content differ between Foundational & Professional?

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

How long do I need to study to gain the qualifications?

Foundational and Professional Certificates

- Our Foundational program is one year/ four terms, at which time students are awarded a *Foundational Certificate of Achievement*. Students can then apply to attend the Professional course.
- At the end of one year/ four terms in the professional program students are automatically awarded a *Professional Certificate of Achievement*.

Diplomas

- To attain a *Diploma* actors must attend a minimum of four further terms of professional study, after they have attained their Professional Certificate. Receiving a Diploma is NOT automatic. Some students will take longer to attain the required standard. This may be because when they began study, they had no acting experience. Or because over their course of study, they have not undertaken other acting activities.

You must be enrolled in a Foundational or Professional program

We prefer that study be consecutive terms but allow students to skip terms as personal and professional needs demand. We still allow drop ins.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Feeney".

Peter Feeney, Director, ALS