Lighthouse Christian Academy

A division of Accelerated Christian Education Canada

Handbook & Enrollment Form

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Dear Parents:

We would like to take this time to welcome you to Lighthouse Christian Academy (L.C.A.). Parents across the country are becoming concerned about the education their children are receiving in the secular school systems.

At L.C.A., we are also concerned about your child's education. That is why we use the Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) curriculum to meet the needs of each individual child. It also frees up the parent to nurture their children rather than plan lessons each day.

A.C.E. was the first to develop a self-instructional curriculum that spans twelve grades and integrates Biblical truths and character values throughout. Students learn to take responsibility for their own learning and to walk in wisdom. The A.C.E. program prepares students for tomorrow's world while learning traditional moral values for today.

In L.C.A., parents are the teachers; however, each family is assigned an academic advisor who is ready to assist you as needed.

Please take the time to look through your booklet thoroughly and read all the information. This is essential for working together with L.C.A. for the highest potential of the student.

We are here to be of assistance to you in any way we can. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions. If there is any way we can serve you better, please let us know.

Lighthouse Christian Academy Staff

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to take this opportunity to give you a brief overview of the A.C.E. (Accelerated Christian Education) program, as you may not be familiar with its format.

A.C.E. was started in 1970 with one school and now has over 7,000 schools in 134 countries worldwide. There are over 130 schools in Canada, from coast to coast in every province and territory except Nunavut.

The educational concept of A.C.E. was built on five basic laws of learning:

Students must be at subject levels where they can perform.
Students must set reasonable goals.
Students must be controlled and motivated.
Learning must be measurable.
Learning must be rewarded.

A.C.E. provides a solid, back to basics education, with a course of study individualized to meet a child's specific needs and learning capabilities.

The program incorporates character-building and wisdom principles. It also uses advanced computer technology to help ensure the finest education possible.

A.C.E. has taken the conventional textbook and divided it into bite-sized, achievable, work-texts called PACEs. Each level consists of 12 PACEs in each subject.

When a student enrolls in a school using the A.C.E. program, he is given diagnostic tests. These tests assist the tutor in the evaluation of the student's academic needs in each subject. After the student completes the diagnostic testing, he is given curriculum that meets and challenges him at his achievement level. If weak areas are evident from the testing, the appropriate gap PACEs are prescribed to strengthen specific weaknesses. After completing the gap PACEs, the student progresses at his achievement level.

As a student works in the PACE, he sets himself daily goals that must be completed in the prescribed time, in each subject. The *average* is 3 pages a day in each of 5 or more subjects. A staff member checks the goals daily and incomplete goals are taken for homework.

Each PACE contains Checkups, a Self Test, and a PACE Test. As a student reaches the Checkups, he has the opportunity to test himself on the section he has just completed and correct any mistakes. The student scores his or her own work at a Scoring Table, using the built-in controls provided. The final Test is given the morning following the completion of the Self Test, and is scored by the teacher, upon completion.

The junior student (grades 1-3) must score 90% or better and the intermediate and senior student (grades 4-12) 80% or better on the final test or they must repeat the whole PACE. There is no progress without learning, in the A.C.E. program.

The student starts gaining credits once he reaches the 9th level. Every 12 PACEs from then on equal 1 credit. There are a variety of electives available, all of which have been accepted by most post secondary institutions in Canada. The schools using A.C.E. are visited annually by a Department of Education Representative, and receive good reports with no criticism levelled at the curriculum or methodology.

Finally, you may or may not know that most universities in Canada do not have entrance exams for students, and so rely mainly on transcripts from the Department of Education in their particular province. This means that any student graduating from a school not using the provincial curriculum may have difficulty enrolling, simply because the admitting office is not familiar with the curriculum. It is not necessarily because they think the student is not qualified, but because they have no frame of reference.

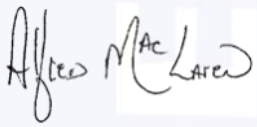
I personally know of no student, who was suited for university, and was not able to get in and perform very acceptably.

When a student is transferred back in the public school system, if they are placed in the grade commensurate with their grade level in A.C.E. they seem able to perform acceptably.

I trust that this brief overview of the A.C.E. program and methodology will help you better understand how it works and that those children are in no way deprived of a good education by being educated through the A.C.E. curriculum.

For further information, you may visit our website at www.acecanada.net.

Yours truly,



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Please mail this enrollment form
back to us
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Parent Information (Please Print)

Parent's Name (s) _____

Mailing Address _____ _____
Address Home Phone

_____ _____
City Cell

_____ _____ _____ _____
Province Postal Code Country E-mail

Student Information (Please Print)

Student's Name _____ ❑ Male ❑ Female

Birth date_____/_____/_____ Citizenship_____ Birthplace _____
day/month/year

Previous Education (Please Print)

(1) _____ ❑ Public ❑ Private ❑ Home School
School Name

(2) _____ ❑ Public ❑ Private ❑ Home School
School Name

Last grade completed _____

If you are currently using the A.C.E. curriculum, please list the last PACE completed in each of the following subjects:

Math _____ English _____ Social Studies _____ Science _____ Word Building _____ Literature _____ Creative Writing _____

*Please include all home school records when mailing this form back to L.C.A.

Enrollment agreement

We the undersigned, understand that we are responsible for the payment of all fees, including registration, tuition, and curriculum that may be incurred during the time this student is enrolled in Lighthouse Christian Academy (L.C.A.). We have reviewed this application and, to the best of our knowledge, all information provided is complete and accurate. We understand that a school year is considered to be a maximum of 12 months. If a student has not reenrolled once the original 12-month enrollment period has passed, the student's status will be changed to inactive .**We further understand that this student is to be supervised during the study time by a parent or responsible adult who will not allow cheating or copying of answers from the Score Keys and Test Keys by keeping them in a secure place.** We agree to submit the ***ORIGINAL***, ***COMPLETED*** and ***GRADED*** PACE Tests at the end of each quarter. In order for enrollment to be processed, we understand that all registration and tuition fees must accompany this completed application. We understand that the registration fee is non-refundable. We understand that the tuition fee is refundable for a limited time, on a declining scale as follows:

21 days (3 weeks) … 100% refundable,
42 days (6 weeks) …. 50 % refundable,
63 days (9 weeks) …. 25 % refundable,
64 + days …….. No refund will be given.

In addition, we understand that request for refunds are to be made in writing and may be mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to L.C.A. We understand that all fees and charges must be paid in full prior to any transcripts, verification forms, or diplomas being provided. We understand that enrolment in L.C.A. is a privilege, and L.C.A. reserves the right to suspend or expel any student in accordance with its official policies as determined by L.C.A. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, this agreement does not bind either party to any specific period of enrollment. We understand that no right or presumptions of continued enrollment are conferred or implied by this agreement. We further agree that no right to notice of renewal or non-renewal of the agreement is conferred or implied by this agreement. We understand that acceptance of the application shall be conditioned upon completion of all requirements to the satisfaction of the administration.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____ /_____ /_____
Required

Signature of Father/Guardian _____ Date _____ /_____ /_____
Required

Signature of Mother/Guardian _____ Date _____ /_____ /_____
Required

If desired, please list the names of any other relative or non-family members, and their relationship to the student, with whom the Student's Academic Advisor may discuss the student's academic information (tutors, grandparents, noncustodial parent, etc.).

_____ _____
Name Relationship

_____ _____
Name Relationship

Provincial Requirements: Parents are responsible to register their students with their province upon commencing homeschooling. Please check with the Ministry of Education for details.

The Curriculum

Accelerated Christian Education (A.C.E.) is built upon these 5 basic laws of learning:

1. Students must be at levels where they can perform.
2. Reasonable goals must be set.
3. Students must be controlled and motivated.
4. Learning must be measurable.
5. Learning must be rewarded.

From its beginning, over 40 years ago, A.C.E. has held to these goals:

A solid back-to-basics education program.

A course of study individualized to meet the specific needs and learning capabilities of the student.

A program incorporating character-building and wisdom principles.

Whether the student is a high achiever or a moderately paced learner, the A.C.E. educational process proceeds at the exact level determined by the child's ability.

Individualization makes it possible for each student to master the subject before moving on. Such mastery is the foundation upon which all future learning is built.

Biblical character training received as part of this learning experience prepares students to welcome and accept challenges and future opportunities that come their way.

Biblical values and concepts considered foundational to relationships and productive living, are conveyed throughout the curriculum in such a way as to become life-shaping influences.

Lighthouse Christian Academy

Lighthouse Christian Academy (L.C.A.) utilizes Accelerated Christian Education curriculum (with the exception of some high school electives) to provide a proven quality home study program that is adaptable to individual needs.

When enrolled with L.C.A. you receive the benefits of the *administrative aspects* contained within a school. This is available from Kindergarten all the way through Grade 12.

Services:

- Enrollment Verification (by request)
- Diagnostic Testing and Evaluation
- Academic Advisors
- Permanent Academic Records
- Newsletter
- Semester Report Cards
- Annual Honour Roll Recognition
- Transcript Services
- High School Diploma

Diagnostic Testing & Evaluation:

Proper academic diagnosis is vital to our student's success. Students enrolled in Lighthouse Christian Academy are recommended to complete the free online diagnostic tests to determine skill and concept mastery. Advisors *custom design* a course of study from the test results for each individual student. *Weak areas* (gaps) are strengthened *first*; then the student continues, progressing at his achievement level.

Academic Advisors:

Enrolled families are assigned to Academic Advisors who provide academic *assistance*. After reviewing the diagnostic testing, the advisor prescribes curriculum based on the student's needs. For high school students, advisors prepare a projected course of study outlining all courses needed for graduation.

Curriculum Fees:

After the non-refundable registration and tuition fees are paid, curriculum can then be ordered as needed, payable upon ordering.

NOTE: PACEs will not be shipped until payment is received.

- Receive a **5% discount** on all orders of the school year, if tuition is PAID IN FULL BEFORE OCTOBER 1ST of the school year.
- Order during Homeschool Days and receive FREE shipping.

Permanent Academic Records:

At the end of *each quarter*, you are required to return the student's *ORIGINAL scored* PACE Test to Lighthouse Christian Academy for review. These test scores are then transferred to the student's permanent academic record. You are then sent a report card.

Newsletter:

Keeps you updated with what's happening at headquarters, other homeschoolers, or new products.

Honour Roll Recognition:

At the *end* of the school year, all students meeting honour roll requirements will receive a certificate of either Honour Roll "A" or Honour Roll "B".

Transcript Services:

Upon graduation or withdrawal, a transcript will be sent upon request.

High School Diploma:

If you have been with L.C.A. for at least one year, upon graduation, a high school diploma will be issued stating the student's province.

Enrollment Fees: **Full payment or 1/2 payment (remainder due at the end of the 2nd Quarter)**

- One-time Registration Fee (per family)……. $75

  Includes: Parent Orientation Guide

- Annual Tuition Fee (per student/year & includes Student Forms Kit)
  Grades K-8……. $300 OR Two ½ payments of $150

  Grades 9-12…… $350 OR Two ½ payments of $175

Average Curriculum Costs :

- Grades 1-8 ... $300—$450.
- High School … $400—$500.

(These prices do not include tax, shipping, or handling.)

Quick Start Basic Kit

Free when you register with L.C.A.

- ✓**Training Manual**
- ✓**Training Activity Pac**
- ✓**Scope & Sequence**
- ✓**Homeschool Catalogue**
- ✓**Record Keeping Kit**

- Learn valuable teaching tips and record-keeping skills through the **Manual**.
- Test your ability to implement the program by completing the **Activity Pac**.
- Know the exact material your child will be studying from kindergarten to Grade 12 through the detailed **Scope and Sequence**.
- Score with pinpoint accuracy using the **Diagnostic Tests** free online at www.acecanada.net. (Hard copies available for purchase)
- Look at the **Homeschool Catalogue*** for our new products. *Prices are in U.S. Dollars.
- Record your child's grades using our **Record-Keeping Kit**.

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