Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership

AIMS OF THE COURSE
The Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership is directed towards educators who want to be people of influence in education. The units provide context and experience to assist students to understand concepts such as authentic leadership and management, learning communities, spirituality, professional development, quality learning and educational change. All these concepts are expressed within the context of Christian values and the Catholic tradition.

CAREER PLANNING
Those aspiring to leadership positions in education would find this course an excellent experience. This course provides applicants with the most recent theory, research and practice in educational leadership.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission requirements for the Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership are the same as for the Master of Educational Leadership.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership is a 40 credit point course, made up of four units, each worth ten credit points. Students must complete the core unit (Authentic Leadership) and at least one of the specialisation or elective units. The remaining two units can be selected from any of the elective or specialisation units or other Master’s units.

The Master of Educational Leadership and Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership share the same core, specialisation and elective units.

It will be possible for students who complete the Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership to later apply for the Master of Educational Leadership and seek credit for the units already completed.
Study Modes

Students enrolled in the Master of Educational Leadership or the Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Leadership have the option of distance education, online education or face to face classes offered on-campus or off-campus. Students may select a combination of two or more of these study modes.

This level of flexibility is designed to assist students to manage their study requirements with work commitments and family life. Achieving this balance is a key element in the School of Educational Leadership’s approach and is consistent with ACU National’s mission of providing quality education resources for its diversified and dispersed student body.

Online Education

ACU National offers online education via ACUonline (www.acuonline.acu.edu.au). ACUonline is a web based learning environment that is user friendly, fully comprehensive and supplies access to online library facilities, external resources, course and unit materials. Students can access ACUonline at any time and any location via the Internet. Technical support is also readily available. ACUonline also offers students greater interaction with their lecturer and peers through online features such as discussion forums, email and chat.

Distance Education

Distance education units are offered wholly through the provision of printed material. This material is posted to students prior to the commencement of the semester. There are no attendance requirements. A lecturer in charge is available to assist students and all assessment is posted to the lecturer for marking.