Accreditation to Teach in Catholic Schools

This is applicable for secondary teachers who do not teach Religious Education but teach other secondary subjects. In some states (e.g., Victoria) this is a formal unit, EDRE429 or EDRE539, while in other states it is an in-service program provided by the school/CEO.

Teachers in Catholic primary schools are normally required to teach Religious Education. In most dioceses, there is an additional requirement that the teacher is a practicing member of the Roman Catholic tradition.

Queensland
Accreditation to teach Religious Education Queensland is governed by Queensland Catholic Education Commission (QCEC). The QCEC requirements can be viewed in their policy document: Accreditation to teach in a Catholic School (See Appendix 1)

ACU Courses
All preservice undergraduate education courses at ACU specifically meet the QCEC accreditation requirements for teaching in Catholic schools. Students in the Graduate Diploma in Education Secondary need to be concurrently enrolled in the Graduate Certificate of Religious Education.

Victoria
The Catholic Education Authorities in Victoria (Ballarat, Melbourne, Sandhurst and Sale) adhere to the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Ltd (CECV) policy 1.6

Click here to view the policy: Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School
This policy is applicable to secondary school teachers (not teaching religious education) in Victoria. It also applies to specialist primary teachers not teaching in the classroom.

ACU courses
All preservice undergraduate education courses at ACU specifically meet the CECV accreditation requirements for teaching in a Catholic school.

To meet accreditation requirement of CECV policy 1.6, students enrolled in the Bachelor of Teaching/Bachelor of Arts need to complete EDRE429 as an elective unit and students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma in Education students need to complete unit EDRE539.

NSW and ACT
The Catholic Education Authorities in NSW and ACT have recently introduced a new policy which determined accreditation requirements to teach in Catholic schools in these areas. Click here to view the policy (See Category B – Accreditation to teach in a Catholic school.)

ACU courses
All preservice undergraduate education courses at ACU specifically meet Category B accreditation requirements of the Catholic Education Authorities in NSW and ACT.