

2026 Elective information for students who commenced in 2022 or later

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Overview

Students in this program study **TWO** electives. The usual semesters where suitable elective studies will be made available are Semester 2 of year 1, Summer, and Semester 1 of year 2.

As long as the elective is coded at 500-level or higher, then the elective choices in this program are *not restricted* (this is a significant change from the earlier program, as described on page 2). That is, units at either 500-level or 600-level may be studied, and they do not need to be from the School of Education.

Master of Teaching / Graduate Certificate of Religious Education

Students in this program are advised to study Theology, Biblical Studies or Religious Education units that would complement the GCRE set of THBS501, THCT500, EDRE527, EDRE528. Examples may include:

- THBS601 Literature of the Hebrew Bible
- THBS606 Interpreting Biblical Texts for Contemporary Times
- EDRE632 Educating for Inter-Religious Understanding
- EDRE639 School and Parish: Partners in Religious Education
- EDRE644 Teaching Church Tradition

Accreditation to Work in Catholic Schools (Victoria)

Students in the Master of Teaching seeking accreditation to work in Catholic schools may complete EDRE642. Students completing the GCRE should **not** complete EDRE642.

General Electives

EDLL605 - *Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leadership* and EDLL606 *Leading Change in Education* are offered in addition to the elective units listed on pp. 4-5.

Curriculum, Pedagogy and Assessment Units as Electives

There are some instances where completion of a CPA 1 unit (i.e., EDXX599) may be desirable as an elective. For instance, science graduates may well be called upon to teach mathematics regardless of whether they are formally qualified for mathematics as a teaching area. For this reason, studying EDMA599 may be a desirable option. Similarly, Humanities graduates may find benefit in studying EDEN599 (English); visual artists to study EDMS599 (Media Studies); English graduates to study EDTL599 (TESOL).

It is very important to note that this does not provide you with an additional formal teaching area, because that is defined by your prior undergraduate study. It is a matter of providing 'elective opportunities' which may support out-of-field teaching that you may be called on to do when employed as a teacher.

This is all made possible because many CPA units are offered in semester 2 as well as semester 1: you would usually complete your 'main two' in your first semester, and then an elective one in a later semester.

It also follows that there would be an opportunity for students who are actually qualified for a third teaching area to study the CPAs for that, and thus graduate with three teaching areas. This can lead to a heavy study load in PT2 of year 2 because of when the CPA2 units are offered (there is no duplicate offering of these), and a re-arrangement of your course map to make this possible should be discussed with your course advisor.

Vocational Studies: the units EDVS599 and EDVS699 are available. This area usually studied as an 'add on' to either mathematics or English, to cover the particular pedagogy and curriculum of teaching mathematics or English in vocational education settings.

Completing either EDTL599 (TESOL) or Vocational Studies would be an advantage to students whose direction would be to work in schools offering VICAL, disadvantaged schools or in ethnically diverse contexts.

*Very important note: this option of completing CPA units is **not** available to students who commenced prior to 2022.*

Elective information for students who commenced in 2021 or earlier

Information for students who commenced in 2022 or later should refer to page 1 of this document

Overview

Students in this program study ONE elective. The unit must be coded at 600-level or higher and must be from the School of Education (an "ED**6**" unit). This is a significant difference with the program that had its first intake in 2022.

In this program, Master of Teaching / Graduate Certificate of Religious Education students do NOT study any elective.

EDRE642 is available to Victorian Master of Teaching students who seek accreditation to work in the Catholic sector; it is unnecessary for students completing the GCRE.

Unit Code	Unit Title	Online	Brisbane	Melbourne	Strathfield
Summer Term					
EDFD653	Social and Cultural Contexts of Education	Available			
EDRE516	Learning and Teaching for Religious Education	Available			
Professional Term 1					
EDRE642	Religious Foundations of Catholic Schools			Available	
Professional Term 2					
EDTE694	Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Assessment in Textile Technology				Multimode
EDTE695	Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Assessment in Industrial Technology				Multimode
EDTE696	Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Assessment in Food Technology				Multimode
EDTE697	Curriculum, Pedagogy, and Assessment in Engineering Systems				Multimode
Semester 1					
EDLL606	Leading Change in Education	Available			
THBS562	Introducing the Scriptures	Available		Multimode	
THCT563	Introducing Theology	Available			
THCT564	Introducing Church Life			Multimode	
EDRE529	Teaching the Catholic Tradition	Available			
EDRE629	Spirituality and Religious Education	Available			
EDRE645	Sacred Texts Curriculum and Pedagogy	Available			
EDRE544	Change and Continuity in Religious Education	Available			
Semester 2					
EDLL605	Culturally Responsive Teaching and Leadership	Available			
THBS562	Introducing the Scriptures	Available			
THCT563	Introducing Theology			Multimode	

Master of Teaching (Secondary)

(Information last updated on 10 September 2025)

Unit Code	Unit Title	Online	Brisbane	Melbourne	Strathfield
THCT564	Introducing Church Life	Available			
EDRE516	Learning and Teaching for Religious Education	Available			
EDRE529	Teaching the Catholic Tradition	Available			
EDRE544	Change and Continuity in Religious Education	Available			
EDRE627	Educating for Social Justice	Available			
EDRE642	Religious Foundations for Catholic Schools	Available			
EDRE644	Teaching Church Tradition	Available			