

2015-2020 Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary)

Catholic Primary School Religious Education Accreditation

Accreditation is one means of ensuring that teachers' professional qualifications and competencies are formally recognized by Catholic Education Commissions and diocesan Catholic Education Offices with respect to the particular character and educational philosophy of Catholic schools. This is applicable to teachers who want to teach Religious Education in Catholic Schools. Teachers in Catholic primary schools are normally required to teach Religious Education.

Each diocese in Australia stipulates its own requirements for a teacher who is to be granted Accreditation to teach Religious Education. PST's must follow the Religious Education Accreditation Information, the sequence of units and advice prescribed in the CEG or Course Coordinator/Adviser, in order to be eligible to apply for accreditation. It is the responsibility of the individual student/teacher to be aware of the diocesan requirements for the school in which employment is sought. Full recognition will be given to teachers who have completed Accreditation to Teach Religious Education requirements upon application.

Please note in some dioceses provision is made for teachers to hold Temporary Accreditation to Teach RE for a maximum period while they complete the appropriate qualifications. The administration processes for acquiring RE Accreditation is managed through each Catholic Education Office. A visit to each Diocesan website should clearly outline the steps for Applying for Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in Catholic schools. The most accurate and up to date information regarding RE accreditation requirements, sponsorship possibilities and the application process, can be viewed in Diocesan policy documentation. Please refer to your local Catholic Education Office for further information.

Religious Education Accreditation Units

The following ELECTIVE UNITS should be completed across the duration of the course.

More information may be found in the [Handbook](#)

| Unit to Study |
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| THBS100 - Introduction to the Bible |
| THCT100 - What Christians Believe |
| EDRE161 - Religious Education 1 |
| THCT202 - Christian Symbol, Ritual and Sacrament |
| EDRE162 - Religious Education 2 |

Only students who have completed the above five elective units will be exempt from completing Core Curriculum units (UNCC100/PHCC102/PHCC104 and UNCC300/PHCC320).

NSW/ACT only

Students seeking accreditation to teach religious education in Catholic Schools in NSW/ACT are required to complete an additional study within four years of commencing employment to meet accreditation requirements to teach in Catholic schools. The requirements for this are determined by the diocese/school where you employed. One option would be to return as a full-fee paying student to complete EDRE524 Educating Young Children Religiously.

Fourth year students seeking to over-enrol should seek advice from their course co-ordinator. Any unit above the 320cp load of the course would be as a full fee-paying student.