Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in Catholic
Schools

This is applicable to all primary teachers and secondary teachers who want to teach Religious Education in Catholic Schools. Each diocese in Australia stipulates its own requirements for a teacher is to be granted Accreditation to teach Religious Education. 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 Religious Education (See Appendix 2)

ACU courses
All preservice ACU education undergraduate programs specifically meet the QCEC accreditation requirements when students complete the Religious Education strand in the courses. *

Victoria
In Victoria, the Catholic Education Office Melbourne and the Catholic Education offices of Ballarat, Sandhurst and Sale administer the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria’s accreditation to teach religious education policy.

View the CECV accreditation policy 1.7 here Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School

ACU courses
All preservice undergraduate education courses at ACU specifically meet the CECV requirements for teaching in a Catholic school when students complete the Religious Education strand in the courses. *

ACT and NSW
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 D – Accreditation to teach religious education in a Catholic school.) *

ACU courses
The Bachelor of Education course at ACU specifically meets the Accreditation D requirements of the Catholic Education Authorities in NSW and ACT.

Graduates of the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood) course are eligible for teacher registration in prior to school settings (such as long day care and preschools); and Catholic, Independent and Government schools.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Education (Early Childhood and Primary) course have the opportunity to complete 2 Religious Education units as part of their course (EDRE161 Religious Education 1 & EDRE162 Religious Education 2). To attain Accreditation D, students need to undertake additional units beyond those included in the
B.Ed (EC & Primary) program. Two additional theology units may be completed in years three and four of the course as an over enrolment to the standard course requirements of 320 credit points.

Alternatively, students could decide not to complete the two undergraduate religious education units (EDRE161 & EDRE162) or two undergraduate theology units, and instead apply for the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education (4 units at graduate level) at the completion of 3rd year.

Graduates have up to 4 years from the date of employment to meet requirements for Accreditation D.

Students enrolled in the Graduate Diploma of Education studies need to concurrently complete the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education to meet accreditation requirements.

Please refer to your local Catholic Education Office for further information.