

RE Accreditation

Overview

Religious educators in Catholic schools are expected to gain formal Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School (CECV Policy 1.7).

Catholic Education Melbourne supports teachers to pursue relevant studies over two years part-time at the following institutions:

- Australian Catholic University (ACU) in the Graduate Certificate in Catholic Studies (GCCS).
- Catholic Theological College (CTC) in the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE).
- Yarra Theological Union (YTU) in the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE).

Applicants are advised to check the relevant institution's website for course details.

Sponsored Study Availability

Catholic Education Melbourne is offering sponsorship based on a unit cost of \$1446* per unit (TBC – indicative based on 2017). CEM will sponsor 1/3 of this unit cost (\$482). The employing school will contribute 1/3 (\$482) and the student will contribute 1/3 (\$482).

**All prices are based on 2017 costs and as such indicative only at this stage.*

The CEM sponsorship does **not** include:

- the Federal Government's Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)
- teacher replacement costs or study leave
- the cost of books or reading material
- any late enrolment fees.

Applicants successful in gaining sponsorship may consider salary sacrificing the self-funded contribution. In accordance with Australian Taxation Office (ATO) guidelines, the self-funded contribution may also be tax deductible. Continued Sponsored Study will be dependent on successful completion of all units.

Students can also apply for FEE-HELP – further information at <https://students.acu.edu.au/727717>.

Guidelines

Sponsored Study is being offered under the following provisions:

- Applicant must be currently employed as a teacher in a Catholic School in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.
- Applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia or hold Australian citizenship.

How to apply?

Information regarding this sponsored study can be found under the Sponsored Study Schedule on the CEVN website <https://cevn.cecv.catholic.edu.au> under *Professional Learning / My PL (IPLS)*.

Teachers are asked to login to the CEVN website and check that their qualifications are correctly entered into the Personnel Record System (PRS) found under *Staffing & IR / Personnel*, as this may affect their Sponsored Study outcome.

Before undertaking the application process for Sponsored Studies, refer to the FAQs page on the CEVN website under *Religious Education / Catholic Education Melbourne Accreditation and RE Sponsorship*.

Principal Endorsement

Please note that principals of those teachers applying for Sponsored Study will receive an email requesting that they complete an attached Principal Endorsement Form for a Sponsored Study Application. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that their principal completes the confidential form attached to the email and returns it to Catholic Education Melbourne by **Wednesday 20 September 2017** in order for the application to be considered.

Online applications via My IPLS (IPLS)

ACTIVITY NAME	Sponsored Study 2018:RE Accreditation
ACTIVITY CODE	18SPO009A
APPLICATIONS CLOSE	Friday 8 September 2017
PRINCIPAL ENDORSEMENT DUE	Friday 15 September 2017
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