

# Religious Education Accreditation Studies

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**Registration is available: 18/09/20 - 16/10/20**

## Overview

Religious educators and leaders in Catholic schools are expected to have gained accreditation to teach Religious Education and lead in a Catholic school.

Catholic Education Melbourne supports teachers to complete relevant courses over two years (part-time) at the following institutions:

Australian Catholic University (ACU) - Graduate Certificate in Catholic Studies (GCCS)

**University of Divinity - Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education (GCTRE)**.

The GCTRE is offered by two colleges of the University of Divinity - Catholic Theological College and **Yarra Theological Union**.

## Yarra Theological Union (YTU) at two venues:

- **Ballarat**
- **Box Hill**

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Catholic Theological College (CTC) at three venues:

- Craigieburn
- Geelong
- Salesian College, Chadstone

Contact: Sr Frances Baker RSM, Senior Fellow, CTC [frances.baker@ctc.edu.au](mailto:frances.baker@ctc.edu.au) Applicants must research the relevant institution's website for course details, admission requirements, unit timetables, course duration and structure.

## Who should undertake further studies?

Studies for Religious Education accreditation are ideal for:

- teachers without accreditation to teach Religious Education or Lead in a Catholic school
- teachers aspiring to leadership roles in Catholic education.

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## Sponsorship duration

Sponsored Study support is for two years (2021–22), subject to funding availability.

## Eligibility

All applicants must:

- satisfy the course admission requirements for their intended course and institution
- follow enrolment procedures, policies and regulations of the chosen university
- contact each institution or check its website to confirm the above requirements.

In addition, Sponsored Study applicants must meet the following criteria:

- applicants must be currently employed on a permanent basis as a teacher in a Catholic school in the Archdiocese of Melbourne (teachers employed part-time, no less than 0.6 FTE, are eligible to apply for course costs)
- applicants must be a permanent resident of Australia or hold Australian citizenship.

Continued Sponsored Study will be dependent on successful completion of all units.

## Course costs and sponsorship

To support as many teachers as possible, Catholic Education Melbourne will subsidise graduate studies on the following basis:

- sponsored teachers will be asked to pay approximately one-third of the cost of each unit up-front per semester, and the full student services and amenities fee (SSAF) as required for the duration of this Sponsored Study
- schools will contribute approximately one-third towards the cost of each unit per semester for the duration of this Sponsored Study
- Catholic Education Melbourne will pay the remaining cost of each unit per semester for the duration of this Sponsored Study.

Sponsored Study does not include:

- staff replacement costs or study leave
- the cost of books or reading materials
- the Student Services and Administration Fee (SSAF)
- any late enrolment fees
- the cost of repeating a unit.

Note: Teachers should only apply once indicating their choice of institution (ACU, CTC or YTU). This is a 2-step process:

1. Apply to CEM for Sponsorship
2. Apply to ACU/CTC/YTU to enrol in the Course by following the instructions on their website

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## Endorsement

Applicants for Sponsored Study need approval from their Principal. In OPL, Endorsement is a mandatory field that has been integrated into the application process. On registering:

- the Principal will be prompted to review and endorse the Sponsored Study application
- the Endorsement will be visible to both parties once completed
- the OPL system will not accept incomplete applications.

## Enquiries

For enquiries regarding Religious Education Sponsored Study please email [RESponsoredStudy@cem.edu.au](mailto:RESponsoredStudy@cem.edu.au)

This information can be found on the CEM Online Professional Learning platform (OPL) which is accessed by teachers through CEVN.