

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) over two years (part-time)

University of Divinity - [Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education](#) (GCTRE) over two years (part-time)

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

[Catholic Theological College](#) (CTC) at two venues:

- Craigieburn
- Geelong

Contact: Dr Frances Baker RSM, frances.baker@ctc.edu.au

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

- Ballarat
- Box Hill

Contact: Rev. Associate Professor Michael A. Kelly CSsR m.kelly@ytu.edu.au

Applicants must research the relevant institution's website for course details, admission requirements, unit timetables, course duration and structure.

Who should undertake RE Accreditation 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.

Sponsorship duration

Sponsored Study support is for two years (2022–23), 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 permanent residents 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 that corresponds to \$533 in 2022, 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 that corresponds to \$533 in 2022.
- 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

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 accreditationenquiries@macs.vic.edu.au

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