

CECV Accreditation Studies

Code: 23SPO210A

Registration is available: 02/09/2022 ~ 30/09/2022

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) in two modes:

- Essendon (face-to-face)
- Online

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

Catholic Theological College (CTC) and Yarra Theological College (YTU) - Leadership and Religious Education Pathway (LRE) over two years (part-time)

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

Who should undertake CECV Accreditation Studies?

Studies for CECV 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 (2023–24), 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 (Graduate Certificates)

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.

Course costs and sponsorship (Leadership and Religious education Pathway)

This course is fully sponsored by Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS) through a partnership arrangement with CTC and YTU from the University of Divinity.

Sponsored Study does not include:

- staff replacement costs or study leave
- the cost of repeating a unit

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.

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

The below comparative table may help you decide what's the best course for you:

CECV Accreditation Studies - Graduate Certificate courses	CECV Accreditation Studies - LRE pathway
<p>Both CECV Accreditation Courses meet the requirements to gain 'Accreditation to Teach RE or Lead in Catholic Schools'</p>	
<p>University course: Teachers will receive a university certificate for this course: 'Graduate Certificate.'</p>	<p>Non- university course: This course is commissioned by MACS and run through CTC/UoD. MACS will provide specific certification for accreditation purposes..</p>
<p>Credentialed course. The units studied can be credited towards further study at a tertiary institution, such as a Masters course.</p>	<p>Non-credentialed course. The course does not provide credits for further course study, such as a Masters course.</p>
<p>Length: 2 years part-time: 4 semester length units, 1 unit per semester. Standard university unit structure.</p>	<p>Length: 2 years: 6 units x 30hrs, 3 units per year. (30hrs is inclusive of the modes of delivery and assessment below.)</p>
<p>Mode: Standard University mode. Please visit the relevant University website for more details.</p>	<p>Mode: Each unit is delivered in mixed modes: including self-paced pre-recorded lectures, required reading, and some contact times where participants gather online for workshops/tutorials.</p>
<p>Assessment: Standard University academic mode. Please visit the relevant University website for more details..</p>	<p>Assessment: Self-directed school-based project related to your work, and some reflection on readings and lectures.</p>
<p>Cost: Students, Teachers and MACS pay 1/3 of the unit fee each.</p>	<p>Cost: Fully sponsored by MACS.</p>
<p>Each Catholic school leader / teacher needs to assess the best course of study for their circumstances. MACS Office or university staff can assist in this evaluation, but each situation will be different. The following are generalised recommendations.</p>	
<p>Generally recommended for: Those considering principalship or senior leadership positions in their career aspirations. R.E. teachers wanting an academically focused course. R.E. Teachers or Leaders wanting to build the 4 units into a broader Masters or other course of study.</p>	<p>Generally recommended for: Experienced R.E. Teachers who do not wish to complete further credentialed studies. Leaders/Teachers (mostly secondary) whose major study focus is another area but want a stronger Catholic foundation via Level 2 accreditation.</p>

Enquiries

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