

Want to teach in a Catholic school?

The Catholic Institute of Western Australia offers Catholic Studies Units at Edith Cowan University for Education students who want to teach in a Catholic school.

Early childhood and primary education students need to be a member of the Catholic Church and be able to teach Religious Education. There are three Catholic Studies units to be done to meet the tertiary study requirement for accreditation.

Secondary education students who wish to teach in a Catholic secondary school, including those who are Catholic and who may wish to teach RE, need to complete three Catholic Studies units to meet the tertiary study requirement for accreditation.



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preparing teachers to continue the mission of the Church in Catholic schools

Thinking about teaching in a Catholic school one day?

Catholic Studies at Edith Cowan University



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The Catholic Institute of Western Australia was established in 1975 to provide theological and religious education for potential and actual teachers in Catholic schools, to enable them to satisfy accreditation requirements as set out by the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia.

Today the Institute delivers Catholic Studies Units in undergraduate and postgraduate Education courses in WA's public universities. These Units are offered as electives that can be taken during the semester, in summer or winter terms or online.

If you are thinking about studying the Catholic Studies Units or teaching in a Catholic school then contact us and we will let you know about your options.

Accreditation



Children in Catholic primary schools are taught Religious Education by the classroom teacher.

To teach in a Catholic school, teachers must complete professional training that demonstrates an understanding and commitment to the Catholic identity of the school.

In a Catholic primary school or early childhood learning centre, classroom teachers must be members of the Catholic Church as they are required to teach Religious Education (RE). This form of accreditation is called *Accreditation to teach RE in a Catholic School*.

In a Catholic secondary school, teachers who want to teach RE must be a member of the Catholic Church and will require *Accreditation to teach RE in a Catholic School*. For secondary teachers **not** teaching RE or who are not a Catholic, they will need to complete *Accreditation to Teach in a Catholic School*.

Both types of accreditation have a tertiary study component. The study component can be completed at University. To teach RE there is also an inservice offered by the Catholic Education Office which is completed **once employed** in a Catholic school.

Catholic Studies Units @ ECU

The Catholic Institute offers units at ECU that assist Education students meet the tertiary study requirements of accreditation. Education students need to complete **three** units (except secondary education students wishing to do a minor in RE who need to do five units). These units are available:

- ❑ CED4260 An Introduction to Catholic Education
- ❑ CED4261 Religious Education in Catholic Schools
- ❑ CED4262 Catholic Studies: Prayer & Morality
- ❑ CED4263 Catholic Studies: Creed & Sacraments
- ❑ CED4264 The Bible in Religious Education

To find out when these units are offered, check the ECU timetable or contact the Coordinator of Catholic Studies, Damian Doyle.

