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 units to be done to meet the tertiary study requirement for accreditation.

**Secondary education students** who are Catholic and want to teach RE can do three units or study five units towards a minor in RE. Those who are not Catholic or do not want to teach RE need to complete three units for accreditation.

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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 often electives that can be taken during the semester, 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**

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, the teacher must be a member of the Catholic Church and be able 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**.

**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
- CED6711 Catholic Studies: Religious Education
- CED6712 Catholic Studies: Creed & Sacraments

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