On seeking employment in a Catholic school it may be advantageous to have begun or completed the study component of Accreditation to teach in a Catholic school or to teach Religious Education.

Students wishing to gain either of the above categories of accreditation can complete Catholic units throughout their Bachelor of Education course.

Please Note:
The Bishops of Western Australia have mandated that a teacher must be Catholic to teach Religious Education. For non-Catholic primary teachers this can mean that it may be very difficult to obtain a position in a Catholic school because of this mandate.
Accreditation

From 1 January 2005, all teaching staff employed in a Catholic school in Western Australia are required to, in their first five years of teaching, attain ONE of two levels of Accreditation, as listed below.

ACCREDITATION TO TEACH IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

This accreditation is for teaching staff not teaching Religious Education. All teaching staff are expected to support the ethos and culture of Catholic education; therefore it is important that they have a particular understanding of the Catholic faith and how it relates to their roles in Catholic schools.

ACCREDITATION TO TEACH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

(This applies to all teachers in Catholic primary schools and those secondary teachers who will teach, or may be called upon to teach in the Religious Education Learning Area).

1. Orientation – one day (completed when employed in a Catholic school in Western Australia).
2. Faith Story and Witness – one day (completed when employed in a Catholic school in Western Australia).
3. Completion of three approved tertiary units (in the fields of religious education, theology or scripture) within five years of appointment.
4. Eighteen hours inservice on the pedagogy and methodology of the Religious Education curriculum taught in Western Australian Catholic schools. This inservice is developed and offered by the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia and must be completed within the first three years of employment.
5. Ongoing renewal of Accreditation Certificate (ongoing renewal commences once 1, 2 and 3 above have been completed).

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