
Want to teach in a Catholic school?

The Catholic Institute of Western Australia offers Catholic Studies Units at The University of Western Australia 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 educators and leaders
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*Thinking about
teaching in a Catholic school
one day?*

Catholic Studies at The University of Western Australia



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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 @ The University of Western Australia

The Catholic Institute offers one unit each year in Catholic studies in Summer School to assist Master of Teaching (secondary) students meet the tertiary study requirements of accreditation. Students will need to complete two other units via the Catholic Institute's short course program. The Unit being offered is:

- ❑ EDUC 5577 An Introduction to Catholic Education in Western Australia.

To find out when this unit is being offered, check with your Course Coordinator or contact Dr Chris Hackett at the Catholic Institute of Western Australia.

