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PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

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2 AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these requirements will be made in accordance with the General Regulations.

Version	Date Amended	Amendment Details	Approved by
1	June 2010	Regulations amended	Dean
2	February 2015	Regulations on new template	Dean
3	January 2018	New course codes assigned	PVCA
4	November 2018	New Program Template	PVCA
5	December 2020	EDUC6188 replaced with EDUC6189; program description added	PCAC EO
6	April 2021	Amendments to study mode	A/HOS
7	January 2023	Amendments to Core Curriculum courses	NHOS

3 PURPOSE

These Program Requirements set out the approved requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education.

4 OVERVIEW

4.1 Campus Availability:

The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education has been approved for delivery on the Sydney Campus.

4.2 Student Availability:

The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education is available for enrolment to domestic Students only.

4.3 Australian Qualifications Framework:

The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education is accredited by the University as a Level 8 AQF qualification.

4.4 Duration

The Volume of Learning for the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education is 0.5 (one semester) of equivalent full-time study.

An option to complete this Program Part-time is available.

An accelerated option to complete the Program is not available.

4.5 Maximum Duration

The maximum period of time within which a student is permitted to complete the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education Award is 2.5 years

4.6 Study Mode

The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education is offered in Internal, Intensive, External, and fully online Study modes.

4.7 Professional Accreditation

There are no professional accreditation requirements applicable to this Program.

5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

5.1 University Admission Requirements:

To be eligible for admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia, all applicants must meet the [University's minimum requirements for admission](#). The requirements for admission are detailed in the University's *Policy: Admissions*.

5.2 Specific Program Requirements for Admission

To be eligible for admission to the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education applicants must also meet the following specific requirements:

- (1) Hold the equivalent of a four-year teaching qualification; and
- (2) Normally have a Grade Point Average (GPA) of at least 2.5.

6 PRACTICUM OR INTERNSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Practicum or internship requirements are not applicable to this Program.

7 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

7.1 Program Description

The Graduate Certificate in Religious Education from The University of Notre Dame Australia offers applicants the opportunity to achieve accreditation to teach Religious Education in a Catholic school as defined by Sydney Catholic Schools and Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta. During your studies you will develop a profound understanding of the essential elements of Catholic belief – the mystery of salvation through Christ, the nature of Revelation and sacramental theology.

7.2 Program Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education students should be able to achieve the following learning outcomes:

1. Articulate an advanced body of knowledge, with depth in the underlying principles and concepts in the discipline of theology as a basis for independent lifelong learning
2. Critically analyse, consolidate, and synthesise knowledge
3. Demonstrate technical skills associated with an advanced understanding of knowledge
4. Exercise critical thinking and judgement for identifying and solving problems with intellectual independence
5. Communicate and present an advanced exposition of theological knowledge and concepts
6. Apply theological reflection, knowledge, and skills to demonstrate autonomy, well-developed theoretical and practical judgement, and ethical responsibility.

7.3 Required Courses:

To be eligible for the award of Graduate Certificate in Religious Education students must complete two following required courses:

- EDUC6189: Critical Issues in Religious Education II (25 units of credit)
- THEO6010: Scripture and Church (25 units of credit)

7.4 Theology Elective Courses:

Students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate in Religious Education are required to complete two (2) Theology elective courses. Elective courses can be selected from the list of courses in Appendix A.

7.5 Course substitutions:

Course substitutions are permitted but must be approved by the Dean.

8 DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of these Requirements the following definitions are available in the General Regulations.

- Leave of Absence
- Major
- Units of Credit
- Pre-requisite Course
- Minor
- Elective Co-requisite Course
- Specialisation
- General Elective

9 APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: Graduate Certificate in Religious Education Program Scaffold

The Theology courses in this Graduate Certificate fulfill the Core Curriculum requirement.

This program scaffold is indicative only. Students should discuss enrolment with the Program Coordinator of the School before choosing courses.

There are no pre-requisites/co-requisites for postgraduate theology courses

Course Number	Course Title	Units of Credit
EDUC6189	Critical Issues in Religious Education II	25
THEO6010	Scripture & Church	25
	2 x 6000 Level Theology Courses from list below	
THEO6350	Fundamental Moral Theology	25
THEO6510	Liturgy: Work of God and Work of God's People	25
THEO6440	Church & Sacrament	25
THEO6400	Christology	25
THEO6014	Formation of Character in Catholic Schools	25
	Total Units of Credit	100