

THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME AUSTRALIA

## Master of Education (Religious Education)

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School of Education

Are you a career-focused educator with practical experience and an interest in Religious Education? The University of Notre Dame Australia's Master of Education (Religious Education) will expand your career choices and give you an in-depth knowledge of Catholic theology while further developing your religious skills and qualifications. With flexible study options, this one-year postgraduate degree could be your career boost. Get in touch today to find out more.

#### Why study this degree?

If you have been teaching for some time in the religious studies field and have the practical experience and a desire to share your love of spirituality with children, this Master's degree is the perfect course for you. The Master of Education (Religious Studies) is designed to meet the needs of professional teachers like you who wish to undertake further career development.

Our flexible study options will accommodate your existing teaching load. Tuition will be available face-to-face and externally, either full-time or part-time. Face-to-face sessions are scheduled during school holidays or Saturdays.

The Master of Education (Religious Education) is a coursework degree that requires the completion of eight courses, including two compulsory courses, one elective and five specialisation courses. Topics include Critical and Creative Thinking in Religious Education, Theories and Models of Leadership for Catholic Schools, and Religious and Spiritual Development of Young People.

## **Program summary**

- Applied Research Methods in Education
- Church and Sacrament
- One Elective (to be chosen from Religious Education, Leadership and Management, Early Childhood Education, Special Learning Needs, Curriculum)
- Five specialisation courses

For a list of courses available please see <u>Schedule of</u> <u>Courses</u>.

(https://www.notredame.edu.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0016/131 Education-Studies-Schedule.pdf)

Full details of the program requirements are contained in the <u>Program Requirements</u> (https://www.notredame.edu.au/\_\_data/assets/pdf\_file/0011/423 of-Education-Religious-Education.pdf).

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More information regarding courses can be found at the <u>course descriptions (https://www.notredame.edu.au/about-</u> <u>us/faculties-and-schools/school-of-</u> <u>education/fremantle/course-descriptions)</u> page.

## **Specialisation courses**

- Critical and Creative Thinking In Religious Education
- Retreat Leadership in Catholic Schools
- Christian Formation in Education
- Values across the Curriculum
- Critical Issues in Catholic Schooling
- Critical Issues in Religious Education
- Jesus in his Time and for Today
- Catholic Social Teaching in Catholic Schools
- Pastoral Care and the School
- Theories and Models of Leadership for Catholic Schools
- Educating for a New Earth and the Environmental Challenge
- Theology of Leadership
- Religious and Spiritual Development of Young People
- The Professional Religious Educator

## **Entry requirements**

To be eligible for admission to the Master of Education (Religious Education) applicants must also meet the following specific requirements:

• Be eligible for teacher registration in Australia; and

either

- Successfully complete the University of Notre Dame Australia Graduate Certificate of Education (Religious Education) or equivalent; or
- Have at least two years of full-time professional experience in either a primary or secondary school setting.

## Learning outcomes

#### Upon successful completion of the Master of Education (Religious Education) graduates will be able to:

- Critically apply and reflect on advanced knowledge of educational and theological theory and practices that includes the understanding of recent developments in religious education
- Demonstrate highly developed cognitive, technical and creative skills with initiative, a high level of personal autonomy and accountability to generate understanding of complex educational and theological issues in religious education
- Evaluate and apply knowledge of research principles and methods to religious education within Catholic school contexts
- Demonstrate highly developed communication and technical skills to implement, justify and interpret critical issues in religious education, pastoral care, spirituality and values education presented within Catholic educational contexts; and
- 5. Plan, execute and reflect critically on a substantial research-based project and/or piece of scholarship on critical issues in religious education, pastoral care, spirituality, or values education within Catholic school

settings.

#### **Career opportunities**

With a Master of Education (Religious Studies), your career options include teaching religious studies in Australia as a Primary or Secondary School teacher in Catholic, Independent and Government schools, depending on your teaching qualification. Other career opportunities within the education system include Lead teacher, faculty or year group coordinator, principal, and assistant principal. Other career options outside the education sector are child and youth worker, charity coordinator, or administrative coordinator.

### **Real-world experience**

You will learn from our academics, who are leaders in their field. There are no practicum requirements for this program.

#### Fees and costs

This Program has the following loan scheme(s) available for eligible students:

#### Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP)

A Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP) is a place at a university where the Australian Government pays part of your fees. This part is a subsidy, not a loan, and you don't have to pay it back. However, this subsidy does not cover the entire cost of your study. Students must pay the rest, which is called the 'student contribution amount'.

In a Commonwealth Supported Place, your fees are subsidised by the Australian Government. Your fees will be split into two portions: The Commonwealth contribution, which is the portion paid by the Australian Government.

The student contribution, which is the portion you pay. You may choose to pay upfront or defer your student contribution with a HECS-HELP Loan. The <u>HECS-HELP loan</u> <u>scheme (https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-</u> <u>link/node/106/5de65e70-6656-4297-a79d-19fd4a6deadd)</u> assists eligible students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your HECS-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

Eligible students will be offered a CSP – you do not need to apply.

#### **Domestic Fee-Paying**

A domestic fee-paying place is a place at university where the student is responsible for the full cost the program.

Eligible domestic fee-paying students may apply for the <u>FEE-HELP loan scheme</u>

(https://www.studyassist.gov.au/preview-

<u>link/node/108/a39069a0-c0d9-4ed5-ad8e-1df4d43a987a</u>) which assists eligible fee-paying students with the payment of all, or part, of their tuition fees, not including additional study costs such as accommodation or textbooks. Your FEE-HELP debt will be indexed each year in line with the Consumer Price Index.

For indicative fees and information on how to pay, including Government loan schemes and our online calculator, visit our <u>Fees, costs and scholarships page</u> (https://www.notredame.edu.au/study/fees-costs-andscholarships).

## **More information**

#### Considering your uni options?

Talk to one of our career advisors for a <u>personalised</u> <u>advice session (https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h)</u>. Our advisors provide support while choosing a program of study and completing our application process. <u>Book my</u> <u>session. (https://calendly.com/d/dmr-5gg-c2h)</u>

For more information, please call our Prospective Students Office on +61 8 9433 0533 or email <u>future@nd.edu.au</u> (mailto:future@nd.edu.au).

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### Need help? Ask Notre Dame

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Duration: 1 year full-time or equivalent part-time

Duration type: Full time; Part time

Campus: Fremantle

Study mode: Online; On campus; Blended

Commencement: Semester 1; Semester 2

Program code: 5031

Fee: Commonwealth Supported Place (CSP); Domestic Full es

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