Regulation 54  
GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN TEACHING RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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54.1  Admission and Enrolment

54.1.1  A person may apply to the Academic Board to enrol as a candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education if he or she:

a)  has obtained or is qualified to obtain a Bachelor degree from the University of Divinity or from a university or college recognised by the Academic Board; or

b)  has a minimum of five years of relevant work experience or relevant professional attainment to a standard recognised by the Academic Board.

54.1.2  Notwithstanding any other provision in this Regulation, the Academic Board may require an applicant to demonstrate fitness for admission by carrying out such work and sitting for such examinations or meeting such other standards as the Academic Board may determine.

54.1.3  An applicant who meets the requirements of the Academic Board may be admitted as a candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education in a College of the University.

54.1.4  Every candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education must be enrolled during the period of candidature at a College of the University, and must comply with the requirements of that College and of the University. Candidates may study units offered at other Colleges of the University.

54.1.5  The Academic Board may discontinue the candidature of any person whom it deems to have made unsatisfactory progress.

54.2  Course Structure

54.2.1  The standard full-time duration of the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education is six months. The Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education must be completed in not less than six months and not more than two years from the date on which the course is commenced, not including any approved periods of leave of absence, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

54.2.2  Every course of study for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education must consist of 45 points.
54.2.3 The Academic Board must determine course outcomes for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education.

54.2.4 The Academic Board must determine the number and type of units required to complete the course of study and to meet the course outcomes for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education.

54.2.5 No candidate for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education may enrol in more than 45 points in any one semester, unless the Academic Board determines otherwise.

54.3 Credit

54.3.1 The Academic Board may grant credit of up to 20 points towards the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education. The Academic Board may determine specific credit arrangements for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education. Where credit is granted, the minimum term for completion of the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education is reduced accordingly.

54.4 Award

54.4.1 When a candidate has completed the requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education, the Academic Board may recommend that the award be made to the candidate. A candidate to whom such an award has been made is entitled to use the letters ‘GCTRE’ as a suffix to his or her name.
54.2 Course Structure

54.2.3 Statement of Rationale and Course Outcomes

The Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education prepares graduates to teach religious education. It provides graduates with knowledge of the disciplines, principles, practices and traditions that form the basis for religious education.

At Catholic Theological College and Yarra Theological Union the award fulfils the requirements of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Policy 1.7 Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School.

Graduates of the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education

1. have a foundational knowledge and skills in theological disciplines of importance for teaching religious education.

2. have enhanced their capabilities to engage with particular faith traditions and spirituality.

3. have ability to communicate religious traditions to students by drawing critically on appropriate sources.

4. apply knowledge of contemporary approaches to the learning and teaching of religious education.

5. apply their knowledge to religious awareness and faith formation of students and the formation of religious identity in a school community.

54.2.4 The Graduate Certificate in Teaching Religious Education consists of 45 points comprised of one of the following programs:

54.2.4.1 Program 1: Catholic Theological College

Candidates must complete the following units:

a) BS8600C Sacred Scripture: A Foundation for Teaching Religious Education

b) CT8600C Foundational Theology for Teaching Religious Education

c) CT9601C Living Christian Faith: Sacramental and Moral Life

d) DR8600C Introduction to the Principles and Practice of Religious Education.

54.2.4.2 Program 2: Yarra Theological Union

Candidates must complete the following units:

a) DR8601Y Introduction to Scripture for Religious Educators
b) DR8602Y or DR8612Y or DR8622Y Jesus Christ Today: Church, Mission and Sacraments

c) DR8603Y Foundations of Religious Education

d) DR8604Y Making (Christian) Choices in Life: A Value Added Approach

e) DR8605Y Integrative Exercise.

54.2.4.3 Program 3: Australian Lutheran College

Candidates must complete the following units:

a) DE8004L Introduction to Lutheran Education

b) CT8001L The Christ-centred School

c) DR8012L Teaching in a Lutheran Education Context

54.3 Credit

54.3.1 General provisions relating to credit are determined by the Academic Board in accordance with Regulation 2.