Bachelor of Education
(Conversion to Four Year Degree Status)

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The University of Notre Dame Australia is proud of its postgraduate coursework offerings and caring community atmosphere. Committed to excellence, social justice and the pastoral care of students and staff, the University offers a uniquely personal approach to teaching and learning. Notre Dame empowers students to build on their knowledge and experience, sharpen their skills and challenge them to succeed in their chosen field. Notre Dame’s academic staff are specialists in their field and provide students with best practice content and a practical approach to teaching and learning.

INTRODUCTION
The Bachelor of Education (Conversion) is a one year full-time (or equivalent part-time), undergraduate program that enables three year trained teachers in Australia to upgrade their qualification to four year degree status.

COURSE STRUCTURE
The course consists of eight units. One unit must be a Theology or Ethics unit taken at a 400 level.

SCHEDULE OF UNITS
A unit schedule is available from the School of Education’s website:
http://www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/schools/education/edufreobrome.shtml

The units are offered in the following modes:
- Intensive – Lectures in the school holidays or on a series of weekends
- External

SPECIALISATIONS
Students may use appropriate electives to complete a four unit specialisation in Religious Education or Special Needs (Special Education).

Those students who complete a specialisation that meets the requirements for a particular teaching qualification e.g. Special Needs, will have their transcript annotated to provide official recognition that requirements have been met.

ACCREDITATION
Teachers working or intending to work in a Catholic school may include sufficient studies in Theology and Religious Education to satisfy the academic requirements of Accreditation to Teach in Catholic Schools, as outlined by the Catholic Education Commission of Western Australia.

Certain units are approved by the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia for accumulation towards the requirements of Accreditation. If students have any doubt about the required pattern of Religious Education and Theology units, advice should be sought from the Catholic Education Office of Western Australia.

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY
Students employed as teachers at the time of undertaking their Bachelor of Education (Conversion) studies may be eligible to claim tuition fees, textbook costs and part travel costs as a tax deduction. It is important, however, that the student checks this information with a professional tax advisor or with the Australian Tax Office directly.

MODE OF STUDY AND ASSESSMENT
Students may undertake study as a part-time or full-time student, commencing in Summer Term (January), Semester One (February), Winter Term (June/July), Semester Two (July) or October Intensive,subject to unit availability. The assessment of competency in each unit consists of a range of assessments such as online discussions, oral presentations, research projects or written assignments.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Admission to The University of Notre Dame Australia is based on the following criteria:
- Personal qualities, motivation to study and academic potential
- Contribution to church, university and community life
- Academic record
- Interview

As this course enables three year trained teachers to upgrade their qualification to a four year degree status, applicants are required to have a three year teaching qualification.

Applications should be received at least one month prior to commencement. However, there are limited places available in units across the course and they will be filled on a first-come-first-served basis, so early application is encouraged.

FURTHER INFORMATION
The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. Further information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself can be found in the Notre Dame Course Guide.

For more information please contact the Prospective Students Office on (08) 9433 0533 or at future@nd.edu.au

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