Bachelor of Primary Education (Religious Education)
UNDA Course Code 3477 CRICOS Code 083621F

The degree at a glance
- 4 years full time study
- 30 weeks of practical supervised teaching
- Primary (K-6) focus with additional units in Religious Education to teach in Catholic schools
- Delivered at Broadway
- Notre Dame ranked #1 in NSW for
  - Graduate employment rate
  - Overall quality of educational experience
  - Skills development
  - Teaching quality
  - Learner engagement
  - Student support

The Bachelor of Primary Education (Religious Education) is ideal for those who wish to teach in a Catholic Primary School. Completion of the degree also allows graduates to apply for jobs across the entire education sector encompassing Catholic, independent and government schools.

The Religious Education accreditation is integrated into the four years of the degree and does not require additional time to complete (provided the student progresses at the full time rate and passes all units of study).

Accreditation
This degree is fully accredited with The NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) – formerly known as BOSTES. The degree offers students Religious Education accreditation within their course of study. This fulfils the requirements of the Catholic Education Office, Sydney and is recognised in dioceses throughout NSW.

Why study Primary Teaching at Notre Dame?
The Primary Education (Religious Education) degree at Notre Dame provides students with:
- comprehensive integration of professional experience and theoretical understanding
- strong foundations in contextual course work that is contemporary, research based and reflects best practice pedagogy, including in religious education
- critically reflective practice to better understand and analyse themselves as teachers

Course Duration
The Bachelor of Primary Education (Religious Education) is completed in four years when studied on a full-time basis but is the equivalent of 4.5 years of learning. The course is also available on a part-time basis (Domestic students only).

Mode of Study
This course is only offered in internal mode in face-to-face classes.

Course Overview
The Bachelor of Primary Education (Religious Education) course is designed to provide an integration of theory and practice throughout all four years of the program. The units are completed in a prescribed sequence. The schedule of units is subject to review and may alter.
Students’ study will include:

- a suite of units in Theology and Religious Education which lead to accreditation to teach in Catholic schools
- ICT (Information and Communication Technologies)
- Academic Literacies
- All Key Learning Areas K - 6 (History, Geography, PDHPE, English, Mathematics, Science and Creative Arts)
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander studies
- Inclusive Education
- EAL/D (English as an Additional Language or Dialect)

Practical Component
The Bachelor of Primary Education (Religious Education) degree provides students with comprehensive practical teaching experience. Professional experience placements in schools begin in the first year where students are introduced to teaching by observing and interacting with small groups of pupils.

- **Year One**
  - One week classroom observation

- **Year Two – Professional Experience 2**
  - Nine weeks

- **Year Three – Professional Experience 3**
  - One Full Term

- **Year Four - Professional Experience 4: Internship**
  - One Full Term

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Admission Requirements
Applicants are able to be considered for a place in a teaching degree if they meet the requirements in either A) or B) below.

A) School Leavers who have three Band 5s in the HSC, one of which must be English* (or equivalent for IB).

*Please note ESL English will not count toward the required Band 5 English criteria.

If students attain two Band 5s in subjects other than English and have a Band 4 in English, they can undertake the University’s English Band 5 bridging course to meet NESA requirements.

B) School Leavers:
- ATAR of 70 (Indicative only). Must have been obtained within the last five years; or
- IB of 25+ (Indicative only). Must have been obtained within the last five years.

Post School Leaver/Mature Age Applicants:

- Other University Studies - Notre Dame will consider applicants who have successfully completed a minimum four units within a Bachelor’s Degree from another University; or
- Successful completion of a Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) Diploma level qualification or higher in a relevant area from a recognised Registered Training organisation (RTO); or
- Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT) – This option is only available for applicants who are over 20 years of age as at 1 March in the year of admission. A score of 150 for both the Multiple Choice component and the Written English component is required. STAT results are valid for five years; or
- Successful completion of the Notre Dame Tertiary Pathway Program or Foundation Year
Applicants using one of the admission requirements listed in B) above will be considered for a place in a teaching degree, however progression into year two of the degree is dependent on the successful completion of eight units (subjects) in the first year of the degree.

**Literacy and Numeracy Testing for Initial Teacher Education students (LANTITE)**

All teacher education students in NSW are required to enrol, pay and sit the national Literacy and Numeracy Test for Initial Teacher Education Students (LANTITE) and demonstrate the required minimum level of personal literacy and numeracy prior to their final professional experience. Students are encouraged to sit the test early in their degree. The test is administered externally by the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER)

[http://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au](http://teacheredtest.acer.edu.au)

**International Baccalaureate (IB) accreditation for Primary and Early Childhood teaching programs**

Notre Dame’s School of Education in Sydney has received accreditation from International Baccalaureate (IB) to provide selected graduates with the prestigious IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning qualification.

From the commencement of their teaching degree at Notre Dame, selected students will start progressing towards their IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning.

At the end of their teaching degree, those students who have successfully applied for and completed the IB certification, will not only graduate with the University’s highly-regarded education degree, but also with the IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning.

Notre Dame is the only university in NSW to offer the IB Certificate in Teaching and Learning in its undergraduate Primary and Early Childhood teaching degrees.

**Career Opportunities**

Graduates of Notre Dame’s Bachelor of Primary Education (Religious Education) will be accredited with NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) – formerly known as BOSTES. Graduates find employment in Catholic, independent and government schools and currently experience a high rate of employment success. (82% as reported in the 2016 QILT survey)

**Further study**

Eligible candidates may apply for admission to a postgraduate program with the School of Education such as the Graduate Certificate in Education (Special Needs), Master of Education (Special Needs) and the Graduate Certificate in Early Childhood Education.

The Masters of Philosophy (Education) and Doctor of Education degrees combine coursework with an independent research project. Students have the opportunity to be supervised by experts in their chosen field of study.

**Further Information**

The information contained in this publication is designed as a basic course description. If you would like further information regarding the course, or information pertaining to admissions, fees or the University itself, please contact the Prospective Students Office on (02) 8204 4404 or at sydney@nd.edu.au

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