



# Catholic Educators' Programs

## Program Planning Guide

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### Program Overview

St. Mary's University offers two programs for teachers and education administrators.

The **Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (GDRE)** is a 30-credit program that provides a fundamental background in a wide range of religious education topics of interest to teachers and administrators.

The **Graduate Certificate in Catholic Educational Leadership (GCCEL)** is a 12-credit certificate program that provides an overview of religious education leadership topics of interest to teachers and administrators.

The foundation course for both the GDRE and GCCEL programs is EDPA 591, Philosophy of Catholic Education, which has a value of three credit hours.

### Admission

Applicants must submit their Application for Admission online through *ApplyAlberta*, along with the admission fee and a copy of their valid teaching license. Transcripts are not required.

### Graduation

Upon completion of the program requirements, students must submit an Application to Graduate (October deadline). When their eligibility to graduate has been verified, they will receive a written confirmation notice. They will be invited to receive their certificate or diploma at the next convocation ceremony (June).

### TQS Recognition

Courses in the GDRE and GCCEL programs may be submitted to the Teacher Qualification Service (TQS) of the Alberta Teachers' Association. Acceptance of particular courses should be checked with the TQS. For information regarding which courses transfer to other degree granting institutions, please see the Alberta Council on Admission and Transfer's Alberta Transfer Guide, available online at [www.transferalberta.ca](http://www.transferalberta.ca).

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## **GDRE Program Requirements**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of a total of 30 credits
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of EDPA 591: Philosophy of Catholic Education
- \_\_\_\_\_ Completion of 27 credits chosen from the GDRE 3 credit courses below

## **GDRE Courses**

- \_\_\_\_\_ EDLD 551: Theory and Practice in Educational Leadership I – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDLD 552: Theory and Practice in Educational Leadership II – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDPA 557: Theory and Practice of Catholic School Administration – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDPA 593: Philosophical Basis of Moral Education – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ EDPA 595: Methods in Religious Education – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 503: Understanding the Sacraments – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 505: Spiritual Traditions in Christianity – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 521: Scriptural Themes – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 541: Theology of the Church – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 543: Theology of Christ – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 551: Social Issues in the Theological Tradition – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 561: Contemporary Issues – 3 cr
- \_\_\_\_\_ THEO 599: Supervised Thematic Study – 3 cr

## GCCEL Program Requirements

\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of a total of 12 Credits

\_\_\_\_\_ Completion of 6 credits from the mandatory course list below and 6 credits from any of the Catholic Educators Courses (GDRE 3 credit courses or GCCEL 1.5 credit courses).

### GCCEL Courses

#### *Mandatory*

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPA 591: Philosophy of Catholic Education – 3 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPD 531: The School as Christian Community – 1.5 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPD 533: Spirituality and Leadership – 1.5 cr

### GCCEL Courses

#### *Optional*

\_\_\_\_\_ EDLD 551: Theory and Practice in Educational Leadership I – 3 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDLD 552: Theory and Practice in Educational Leadership II – 3 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPA 557: Theory and Practice of Catholic School Administration – 3 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPA 593: Philosophical Basis of Moral Education – 3 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPD 511: Faith Development and Religious Education - 1.5 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPD 513: Religious Education: Ethical, Moral and Social Justice Issues – 1.5 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ EDPD 555: Current Issues in Catholic Education – 1.5 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ THEO 503: Understanding the Sacraments – 3 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ THEO 505: Spiritual Traditions in Christianity – 3 cr

\_\_\_\_\_ THEO 561: Contemporary Issues – 3 cr

This guide is for your convenience only and should not replace the St. Mary's University Academic Calendar, which is the final authority regarding degree program requirements and academic regulations.