

EDPD 555 (Course Code) **Current Issues in Catholic Education**

This course is one of several courses in REAP (Religious Education Administration Program) offered through St. Mary's University College in Calgary.

Description: The content of this professional development course varies from year to year and offered in collaboration with the Faith Formation Program of the Calgary Catholic School System. It takes the form of four evening sessions that involve personal reflection in advance, lectures, discussion among participants and interaction with the lecturers. Each evening session focuses on a theme relevant to the classroom in fields of biblical studies, theology, spirituality, interfaith dialogue, ecumenical dialogue, ethics, Church history, teaching of the Magisterium, inculturation of the Gospel; catechesis, human development, and pedagogy. The course will consist of 20 class hours for a credit value of 1.5.

- The sessions for this course are held at the FCJ Retreat Centre in Calgary after school for 4 hours (includes dinner) 4 times a year.
- A Guest Speaker will address the topic for one hour followed by dinner and reassembly for dialogue and questions after dinner.
- All arrangements for these sessions including dates, times and selecting Speakers are made by a Committee of the Calgary Catholic School Centre.
- All teachers who registered with St. Mary's will receive an assignment for each class that is prepared and graded by Sr. Rose-Anne Engel, Coordinating Professor for St. Mary's University College.
- All other teachers and staff are welcome to attend these sessions. The sessions are treated as short twilight retreats.
- Sr. Rose-Anne welcomes discussion times, visits and any kind of assistance she can give to the registered students and may call a meeting at times.

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Pre- and/or Co-Requisites: None

Texts: *The HarperCollins Study Bible with the Apocryphal/Deutero-canonical Books*. New York: HarperCollins, 1993 or later. With the permission of the course coordinator, the student may substitute another academic study Bible in English.

All participants will receive a bibliography and background informational notes prepared by the Guest Speaker at each session.

Course objectives: The course will accomplish the following objectives:

- (1) Update administrators and teachers on some current issues in Catholic education
- (2) Provide participants with approaches to questions that are vital to the identity of Catholic schools in the contemporary world
- (3) Enhance the ability of teachers and administrators to reflect on matters of faith and life that are central to their lives as leaders in education

Evaluation: Students will submit a three to five page essay within 10 days of each session. This paper will indicate both understanding of the presentation and familiarity with some of the reading assignments as well as some practical application to Catholic Education.

Grade Determination: Each session will have an equal value of 25% of the total course. The grading system in effect at St Mary's University College will be used.

Other Information

This course may be repeated for credit. Students must attend each session of the course. In exceptional circumstances, the students may do a supplemental project in order to make up for one session they miss. Missing two sessions results in an automatic forfeit of the possibility of receiving credit. Failure to submit papers on time after two of the sessions will result in failure of the course.

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TQS RECOGNITION

Courses in the GDRE and REAP programs that are submitted to the Teacher Qualification Service (TQS) of the Alberta Teachers' Association are generally accepted by the TQS if they are also accepted by degree-granting institutions in Alberta. Course transfer agreements as published in the Alberta Council on Admission and Transfer's Alberta Transfer Guide, are available online at www.acat.gov.ab.ca.

The 2011 -2012 Sessions:

Theme:

“Love one another as I have loved you” (John 13: 34-35)

Dates:

Monday,	October 3
Monday,	February 6
Monday,	November 28
Monday,	April 23