

Program Overview

St. Mary's University College 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. This program transfers to Newman Theological College in Edmonton and fulfills the requirement for entrance into their Master of Religious Education program.

The **Religious Education Administration Program (REAP)** is a 12-credit certificate program that provides an overview of religious education topics of interest to teachers and administrators.

The foundation course for both the GDRE and REAP programs is EDPA 591, Philosophy of Catholic Education, which has a value of three credit hours. The courses of both programs are credit bearing. Each GDRE course has a value of three credit hours while each REAP course has a value of 1.5 credit hours, with the exception of EDPA 591.

Admission

Applicants must submit their *Application for Admission*, along with the admission fee and a copy of their valid teaching license.

Graduation

Upon completion of the program requirements, students must submit an Application to Graduate. 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.

TQS Recognition

Courses in the GDRE and REAP 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.

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GDRE Program Requirements

- _____ Completion of 30 credits
- _____ Completion of EDPA 591: Philosophy of Catholic Education
- _____ Completion of 27 credits chosen from the GDRE courses below

GDRE Courses

All GDRE courses are worth 3 credits.

- _____ EDPA 593: Philosophical Basis of Moral Education
- _____ EDPA 595: Methods in Religious Education
- _____ THEO 503: Understanding the Sacraments
- _____ THEO 505: Spiritual Traditions in Christianity
- _____ THEO 521: Scriptural Themes
- _____ THEO 541: Theology of the Church
- _____ THEO 543: Theology of Christ
- _____ THEO 551: Social Issues in the Theological Tradition
- _____ THEO 561: Contemporary Issues
- _____ THEO 599: Supervised Thematic Study

REAP Program Requirements

- _____ Completion of 12 Credits
- _____ Completion of EDPA 591: Philosophy of Catholic Education
- _____ Completion of 9 credits chosen from the REAP courses below or the GDRE courses above

REAP Courses

All REAP courses, with the exception of EDPA 591, are worth 1.5 credits.

- _____ EDPD 511: Faith Development and Religious Education
- _____ EDPD 513: Religious Education and Ethical, Moral and Social Justice Issues
- _____ EDPD 531: The School as Christian Community
- _____ EDPD 533: Spirituality and Leadership
- _____ EDPD 535: Introduction to the Theology of the Church
- _____ EDPD 555: Current Issues in Catholic Education
- _____ EDPD 571: Basic Introduction to the Scripture

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