



Foundations

Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology (10743NAT)

Looking for a head start in your career after university?

The *Foundations* course from IFE could be just the right fit.

“One of the fundamental requirements for an educator in a Catholic school is ... a solid professional formation.”

(Congregation for Catholic Education, 2007, #22)

Every registered teacher of religion in a Catholic school in Queensland requires Accreditation to teach Religion in a Catholic school.

Since all primary school teachers teach religion as part of the curriculum, accreditation to teach religion is particularly important for primary school teachers. The Foundations course meets the study requirements for accreditation to teach religion, giving you wider opportunities at employment in the Catholic sector.



The Foundations course from the Institute of Faith Education has been designed to meet those requirements. Its course design and competency-based assessment process make it a relevant and popular option for teachers or students training to become teachers who seek employment in a Catholic School.



Why Foundations?

The Foundations Course (Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology 10743NAT) has been developed to provide the required practical and theoretical knowledge of religious education, theology, and spirituality to meet the requirements to teach religion in a Catholic school.

But it's more than that...

Foundations has been designed with you, the learner, in mind. Learn alongside teachers already working in Catholic schools and from teachers with many years' experience in Catholic schools in a friendly, supportive environment. Course content and assessment tasks are tailored to the practical work context of working in a Catholic school, equipping you for the next step in your career.

The course includes interactive workshops completed through video conference or face-to-face and individual study. Access the course materials easily on-line and meet with

your peers and mentors online or in face-to-face workshops.

Foundations can fit in with your busy life and can be completed in one year or over two years if needed. And the price of the course has been kept at a much lower price than other comparative courses too.

You can start studies in Foundations in any semester. Register now to get an edge for the next step in your career: become equipped to teach in a Catholic school.

What will you study?

Foundations involves the completion of four units as part of the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology:

- / **Theology and Catholic identity.** Explore the context of a Catholic school, hospital or parish. Identify how values, expectations and priorities shape work in a Catholic context. Develop self-awareness as well as strategies for managing health and well-being in the workplace.
- / **Scripture: The world of the Bible.** The Bible is not a simple book; much less a book of quick answers. What role does it play for Christians? Is it divinely inspired and what does that mean? How can we make sense of the Bible and how can we use it appropriately in a classroom or in ministry settings? This unit explores the nature and content of the Bible, some of its important themes and topics and strategies for interpreting and applying the Bible today.
- / **Church: Ritual, Liturgy and Sacraments.** Explore differences between the Catholic Church and other denominations. Understand what is meant by a 'sacrament' in the Catholic Church and how the sacraments shape spirituality in a Catholic context. How do people connect with deeper meaning through rituals and sacraments?
- / **Belief, Ethics and Catholic Social Teaching.** Ethics is about making good choices. It is also about the kind of person you are, and the fundamental choices you make about who you will be. Explore frameworks for thinking ethically about contemporary issues. Learn more about how the Catholic Church reflects on contemporary social issues. How can an institution like the Catholic Church, long associated with a conservative approach that resists change and looks to the past, have been delivering for so long a progressive message that challenges the prevailing global economic and political order to be more just?





COURSE STRUCTURE

Foundations course design is flexible, and you can complete the four units in this course in any order. You have two years from starting the first unit to complete the course. This means you can complete all units either over one or two years.

Each unit involves structured learning that integrates private study with online or face-to-face workshops. Each unit also embeds a number of competencies which make up the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology.

A total of ten competencies need to be achieved to gain the Diploma of Christian Ministry and Theology (10743NAT). Competencies are assessed through projects, presentations, written assessments and

learning journals. Workshop attendance is a requirement of this course.

Units are offered over twelve weeks during term time, or in intensive mode over a shorter period. Contact us for a current timetable of scheduled courses.

Upon completion of Foundations, you will be well resourced to teach Religious Education with confidence in a contemporary Catholic context.

ASSESSMENTS

There is no grading in the Foundations course. Rather the assessment process determines whether a student is competent or not competent and supports high quality outcomes.



WHAT PREVIOUS PARTICIPANTS HAVE SAID ABOUT THIS COURSE

“I found the course really made me consider what and who I am, and how this is reflected in my teaching. **It was wonderful!**”

Participant feedback received 15/1/2021

“**That was such an amazing 4 days.** I have learnt so much and it has opened me up to lots of self-reflection. I feel I am super lucky to be learning this content at 19, as I would love to go my whole teaching career with a positive mindset backing me up. Initially I was worried that my lack of life experience would hold me back and limit my input to the discussion, but **you made such a safe and inclusive environment** that I felt very welcomed. Thanks again, you have been amazing and I cannot wait for Unit 2 and to dive into these assessments.”

Participant feedback received 9/4/2021

“The webinar structure was amazing!! **Being able to be at home and actually take a lunch break, with no travel time, was excellent!**”

Participant feedback received 2/11/2020

“The most useful learning in this course for me was **learning about teaching in a modern Catholic context** – how to balance modern societal norms/beliefs with an ancient religious tradition.”

Participant feedback received 8/1/2021

“I loved being able to go back over the zoom-workshop content to glean pieces I may have missed. I also loved being able to download/print off the material needed allowing me to highlight certain sections. The support from workshop facilitators, assessors, **IFE staff was fast and efficient and really supportive and encouraging.** **I have loved my experience with IFE,** you can tell it is a well-oiled machine with everyone working in unison to bring about the best possible learning outcomes.”

Participant feedback received 25/2/2021



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