

The Advanced Certificate in Education (Religious and Values Education)

is a two-year, part-time programme designed for educators who wish to specialise in Religious Education and already hold a four-year teaching degree at DoE NQF Level 6 (CHE Level 7), or a professional teacher education qualification equivalent to DoE NQF Level 5 (REQV 13)¹. Normally participants should be teaching in a school for both of the years that they are registered for the Certificate. Designed to equip participants with a deep and systematic understanding of current thinking, practice, theory and methodology in school-based Religious Education, the programme will also enable participants to inform and shape the spiritual, moral, cultural and social lives of the learners. This Certificate provides a qualification in Religious Education, for those who wish to gain access to further postgraduate study in this sub-field at DoE NQF Level 7.

KEY FEATURES OF THE PROGRAMME

1. Department of Education registered, SAQA approved, CHE accredited.
2. Eight modules total: one-week modules run four times a year (every three months), starting 30 June 2008, taking the school calendar into consideration. Lecturers are available outside of module time for consultation.
3. The Certificate is worth 120 credits at DoE NQF Level 6 (CHE Level 7). Each module is worth 15 credits.
4. The programme is offered in Johannesburg.
5. Prior learning considered with application.
6. Fees in 2008: R 5 200 per annum or R1 350 per module
7. Course packs will cost about R100 extra per module.
8. Accommodation is available: Room only R125. For room and board R275per day
9. Application deadline: 17 March 2008.

¹ REQV means Relative Education Qualification Values, i.e. qualifications that are recognized for employment in education. REQV 13 means Std 10 plus three years of 120 Units each = 360 SAQA credits.

Compulsory Modules

• Foundations of Religious Education

Monday 30 June – Friday 4 July 2008

This module introduces the student to the basic questions that concern the establishment of Religious Education as a dimension of the school curriculum. The questions are treated from an historical perspective.

Lecturer: Mrs Anne Baker

Exam date: Friday 26 September 2008

• Catholic Faith and Practice²

Monday 29 September – Friday 3 October 2008

In this module, students gain familiarity with the Catholic tradition, and develop ways of dealing with it in the classroom through engagement with a range of curriculum processes.

Lecturer: Ms Bernadette Chellew

Exam date: Friday 5 December 2008

• The Teacher

Monday 8 December – Friday 12 December 2008

In this module the student gains an understanding and appreciation of how the tradition of Catholic Education contributes to the holistic growth of the person within community and society. Again, the student develops further ways of dealing with various Religious Education curriculum processes in the classroom.

Lecturer: Br Joseph Walton

Exam date: Friday 3 April 2009

• Curriculum of Religious Education

Saturday 4 April – Wednesday 8 April 2009

The purpose of this module is to critically examine different curriculum models for Religious Education, including a school-based multi-process model, and to consider the question of assessment in Religious Education.

² The programme is designed specifically for teachers in Catholic schools, but appropriate modifications will be made for participants from other schools that have a religious character.

Lecturer: Mr John McCormick

Exam date: Friday 26 June 2009

Compulsory Modules (continued)

• The Learner

Monday 29 June – Friday 3 July 2009

The student gains a knowledge and appreciation of the psycho-social development of learners within a range of overlapping socio-cultural contexts, and the relevance of this awareness for classroom teaching.

Lecturer: Mr John McCormick

Exam date: Friday 25 September 2009

• The Classroom

Monday 28 September – Friday 2 October 2009

The student gains a clear understanding of the teaching and learning process from the perspective of Religious Education and how to manage it in the classroom environment.

Lecturer: Mr Paul Faller

Exam date: Friday 11 December 2009

• The School

Monday 14 December – Friday 18 December 2009

Issues regarding Religion and Religious Education in the context of the whole school are dealt with in this module. Among these are the ethos and mission of the Catholic School, and the leadership of the Religious Education coordinator. (16 December public holiday)

Lecturer: Mrs Anne Baker

Exam date: Friday 12 March 2010

• The Practice

No teaching week—students placed in school setting

Students demonstrate their understanding and competence as religious educators in an actual teaching situation. They observe and evaluate lessons and then design, deliver and evaluate a unit of their own. The process is monitored and assessed through external observation and a portfolio of evidence.

Final submission date: Friday 18 June 2010

Other degrees and programmes offered at St Augustine College

Degrees

- 1) B Ed Honours in Religious & Values
Education
- 2) Master of Philosophy in Applied Ethics
- 3) Master of Philosophy in Culture and Education
with specialisations in
 - Educational Leadership
- 4) Master of Philosophy in Religious Education
and Pastoral Theology
with specialisations in
 - Catechetical & Liturgical Leadership
 - Pastoral Ministry
- 5) Master of Philosophy in Philosophy
- 6) Master of Philosophy in Theology
with a general programme & specialisations in
 - Canon Law
 - Christian Spirituality
- 7) Doctor of Philosophy in Philosophy
- 8) Doctor of Philosophy in Theology

Holders of an M Phil degree are eligible to apply to do a doctorate.

Other programmes

- (9) Undergraduate Certificate in Political
Leadership
- (10) Postgraduate Diploma in Political Leadership

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