



## Certificate in Catholic Education

### 1.0 General Information

St. Joseph's College, University of Alberta, is offering a *Certificate in Catholic Education* to provide additional special qualifications in the area of Catholic elementary and secondary education. The certificate is designed to prepare teachers to teach in Catholic education settings in Alberta's Catholic school districts. The certificate is also intended to provide teachers with the necessary religious education courses required by some Catholic school districts in order to be considered for a continuous teaching contract. Successful completion of the certificate demonstrates initiative on the part of the education student or teacher, as well as a serious desire for the opportunity to teach in Catholic school districts. All courses offered at St. Joseph's College count as University of Alberta Arts credits and will appear on final transcripts/records.

### 1.1 Admission

Admission to the certificate program requires current enrolment in an undergraduate (elementary or secondary route) or graduate education program, successful past completion of an undergraduate or graduate education program, and/or a professional teaching certificate. Where exceptional circumstances warrant (e.g., students intending to do an after-degree in education), these requirements may be waived by the Academic Dean of St. Joseph's College.

Applicants must complete an *Application Form for St. Joseph's College Certificate in Catholic Education* (available from the [St. Joseph's College website](#)). This form, together with the necessary documents and application fee, must be submitted to St. Joseph's College **one week (7 days) prior to** the University of Alberta's "add/delete" deadline for each semester (please consult the [University Calendar](#) for these dates). Applicants may apply to enter the certificate program in any semester. Applicants will be notified of their acceptance to the program within 2-5 business days from the date of their submission. For more information, please contact: [sicdean@ualberta.ca](mailto:sicdean@ualberta.ca)

### 1.2 Components of the Program – Current University of Alberta Bachelor of Education Students

The certificate is designed to complement University of Alberta's BEd programs, and is aligned, in many cases, with the normal course of study requirements. The certificate consists of four St. Joseph's College courses (★12). The minimum required grade for courses to be credited toward the certificate is B-. Students accepted into the certificate program may be assigned a mentor to help them achieve this grade requirement (to be determined on a case-by-case basis).

#### 1.2.1 Certificate Requirements (★12)

- (1) **CHRTC 100 The Bible: An Introduction (★3)** [*A study of the themes of the Christian Bible; creation and covenant; sin and evil; the biblical history of ancient Israel; the prophets and justice; the preaching, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ; redemption; the emergence of the Church*]
- (2) **CHRTC 250 The Theological Education of the Catholic Teacher (★3)** [*The components that make up the education of the Catholic teacher. Issues include credal statements, the moral and social teachings of the Church, liturgical practices, and a general theology and theory of Catholic education*]
- (3) **one of either CHRTC 380 Christian Religious Education and the Child (★3)** [*Key themes relevant to the faith life of children, such as: the presence of God, a sense of belonging, the need for community. Examination of selected Alberta school curriculum topics*] **OR CHRTC 381 Christian Religious Education and the Adolescent/Young Adult (★3)** [*Key themes relevant to the faith search of adolescents / young adults, such as: the life and teachings of Jesus, the challenge of the Gospel in our culture, and the meaning of belonging and commitment to Church. Examination of selected Alberta school curriculum topics*]
- (4) **any other course** offered through St. Joseph's College (★3) (please consult the [St. Joseph's College Course Guide](#)) (e.g., CHRTC 101 Catholic Studies: An Introduction; CHRTC 103 The Roads to Happiness; PHIL 209 The Human Person; CHRTC 220 Sport & Religion; CHRTC 349 Social Justice and Christianity in Canada; CHRTC 350 Science & Religion; CHRTC 393 The Human Sexual Body; CHRTC 396 Environmental Issues; CHRTC 407 Topics in Christian Religious Education)

Students are strongly encouraged to take CHRTC 100, CHRTC 250, and CHRTC 380/381 in successive order.



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### 1.2.2 Combining the Certificate with University of Alberta BEd Course Requirements

All courses credited toward the certificate may also be credited toward the Bachelor of Education degree. Students following the *elementary* education route may be able to fulfill some of their non-education, open option, or minor course requirements while also completing courses towards the certificate. Students following the *secondary* education route may be able to fulfill some of their non-education, major and minor course requirements while also completing courses towards the certificate. For example, students choosing to minor in Religious and Moral Education could complete the certificate efficiently within their normal course of study; students majoring in Social Studies, English Language Arts, Biological Sciences, Chemistry, General Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Physics could also complete the certificate quite efficiently.

### 1.3 Components of the Program – Other Education Students (e.g., \*\*Graduate Students), Education Students from outside the University of Alberta, Teachers, and Holders of a Professional Teaching Certificate

The certificate consists of four St. Joseph's College courses (★12) and may be completed according to the student's/participant's timeline, not to exceed three consecutive academic years. The minimum required grade for courses to be credited toward the certificate is B-. Students accepted into the certificate program may be assigned a mentor to help them achieve this grade requirement (to be determined on a case-by-case basis). Non-University of Alberta students should contact [sjcdean@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjcdean@ualberta.ca) for information on how to register via [Open Studies](#).

*\*\*University of Alberta MEd students may take a Graduate Certificate in Catholic Education. The requirements for the graduate certificate could range from four to six St. Joseph's College courses (★12-18), with courses taken at the graduate level (e.g., CHRTC 501, CHRTC 609). Please contact the Office of the Academic Dean at St. Joseph's College directly to discuss a specific plan of study: [sjcdean@ualberta.ca](mailto:sjcdean@ualberta.ca)*

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#### 1.4 Obtaining the Certificate

Upon successful completion of the certificate requirements, the student/participant will receive an official *St. Joseph's College Certificate of Completion* together with an official *Letter* listing the certificate courses completed and grades received, originally signed and sealed by the President and Academic Dean of St. Joseph's College. This *Certificate* and *Letter* may serve as an essential component in job applications to Catholic school districts in Alberta, as well as proof of completion of religious education courses required for securing a continuous teaching contract.