

CCRS Supplementary Course



Certificate in Catholic Religious Studies (CCRS) Supplementary Course

Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education, DCU

Background

The CCRS Supplementary course is designed for primary educators who qualified in England and Wales and who hold a Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) from the Bishops of England and Wales. It develops knowledge, skills and competencies in key areas of Catholic education and it fulfills the requirements of the Irish Catholic Bishops Conference to teach Religious Education in Catholic primary schools in Ireland. (c.f. Appendix A of the document [*Recognition of Qualifications to Teach Catholic Religious Education in Catholic Primary Schools in the Island of Ireland*](#)).

Entry

Entry to the CCRS Supplementary course is open to any primary UK trained teacher with a qualification which is recognised by the Teaching Council of Ireland, and who also possesses a CCRS.

Structure

The CCRS Supplementary course concentrates on the methodologies and theoretical underpinnings of teaching religious education in Irish Catholic primary schools. It is delivered by DCU Institute of Education, St Patrick's Campus, Drumcondra and is offered on a twice annual basis, at the start of July over 3 consecutive days (2 online and 1 face to face) and in September (2 evenings online and 1 face to face on a Saturday). Assessment is an inbuilt component of the programme and full attendance at the classes is compulsory.

Upon successful completion of the course, participants will be provided with a letter of completion from Dr Cora O'Farrell, Director, the Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education at Dublin City University.

Course Fees

The course fee is €200.

Contact

For application procedures and for further information, please contact the *Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education* via email Materdei.cce@dcu.ie.