CATHOLIC EDUCATION, POST-BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE

Saint Louis University's graduate certificate in Catholic education is designed for current teachers in Catholic schools seeking professional development or to boost their credentials. Guided by SLU's Catholic, Jesuit identity, courses balance research-based best educational practices with Catholic faith and spirituality. Synchronous class meetings build a faith-based community of professional learners.

Curriculum Overview

The 12-credit-hour post-baccalaureate certificate in Catholic education consists of four courses representing the following topics: human growth and development, classroom management and organization, education of the exceptional child, and context and history of Catholic education. All courses have been designed specifically for educators serving Catholic schools.

Students usually take one course per term during the school year and two courses in the summer. The program can be completed in 12 months. All courses are offered through online synchronous distance learning.

These courses stack into the 37-38 credit Master of Arts in Teaching degree offered at SLU.

Fieldwork and Research Opportunities

As this certificate is designed for current classroom teachers, coursework will ask students to reflect on their current teaching experience. Certificate course instructors aim to create a professional learning community, which provides an opportunity to directly enrich the teaching and learning experience for K-12 classrooms in Catholic schools.

Careers

The certificate in Catholic education is appropriate for classroom teachers across all content areas and grade levels. The certificate acknowledges completion of this professional learning program; it is not a state department of education teaching credential. Those aspiring to become Catholic school teachers may benefit from this certificate program and can discuss their particular context with the program director during the application process.

Admission Requirements

- Bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited (https://catalog.slu.edu/previous-catalogs/2022-2023/academic-policies/academic-policies-procedures/regional_accredidation/) institution
- Transcript(s) from all schools attended
- One letter of recommendation, preferably from school principal
- Résumé
- Professional goal statement

Requirements for International Students

All Saint Louis University admission policies and requirements for domestic students apply to international students. International students applying to SLU must also meet the following additional requirements:

- Demonstrate English language proficiency (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/office-admission/undergraduate/english-language-proficiency/)
- Academic records must include an English translation. Unofficial copies may be accepted in some cases for initial admission review, however official copies must be received prior to enrollment. Course-by-course transcript evaluations are accepted and are required in some cases.

Students must submit financial documents to be issued an I-20 for their F-1 visa application. Proof of financial support must include:

- A letter of financial support from the person(s) or sponsoring agency funding the student's time at Saint Louis University
- A letter from the sponsor's bank verifying that the funds are available and will be so for the duration of the student's study at the University

Application Deadlines

Students should apply for the fall semester by July 15, for the spring semester by November 15, and for the summer semester by April 15.

Review Process

A committee reviews each application holistically.

Tuition

Tuition	Cost Per Credit
Catholic Education/School Certificate Programs	$470

Additional charges may apply. Other resources are listed below:

Information on Tuition and Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition/)

Miscellaneous Fees (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/fees/)

Information on Summer Tuition (https://catalog.slu.edu/academic-policies/student-financial-services/tuition-summer-current/)

Scholarships and Financial Aid

For more information about Saint Louis University scholarships and financial aid, please visit the Office of Student Financial Services (https://www.slu.edu/financial-aid/types-of-aid/).

Learning Outcomes

1. Educators are prepared to teach all students in Catholic schools with an understanding of their particular school context.
2. Educators understand theories and stages of human development and spiritual development and how that impacts their work as teachers in the Catholic school classroom.
3. Educators will demonstrate understanding and strategies to organize and manage their Catholic school classroom for a diverse student population, including those with exceptional learning needs.
4. Educators will integrate their knowledge of the historical foundations of Catholic education in the United States into a synthesis of the purpose, mission, and essential characteristics of Catholic education, and its consonance with one's own vocation.

Requirements

Code	Title	Credits
EDF 5700	Advanced Growth and Development	3
EDSP 5310	Advanced Studies in Psych/Educ the Exceptional Child	3
EDSP 5240	Classroom Organization and Management (Early Childhood, ECSE, Elementary, Special Education)	3
or EDSP 5250	Classroom Organization and Management (Middle, Secondary and Special Education)	
EDF 5835	Foundations of Catholic Education	3
Total Credits		**12**

Roadmap

This roadmap is just one example of a semester-by-semester plan of study for this program. There are other plans students can and do take. The plan of study for each particular student is established in consultation with each student's academic advisor; *this roadmap does not replace academic advising appointments.*

Roadmap notes:

- This Roadmap assumes full-time enrollment unless otherwise noted.
- Courses/Milestones marked with an "!" are critical and must be completed in the semester listed in the Roadmap to ensure a timely graduation.
- Course availability and sequencing are subject to change.

Course	Title	Credits
Year One		
Summer		
EDF 5700	Advanced Growth and Development	3
EDF 5835	Foundations of Catholic Education	3
	Credits	**6**
Fall		
EDSP 5310	Advanced Studies in Psych/Educ the Exceptional Child	3
	Credits	**3**
Spring		
EDSP 5240 or EDSP 5250	Classroom Organization and Management (Early Childhood, ECSE, Elementary, Special Education) or Classroom Organization and Management (Middle, Secondary and Special Education)	3
	Credits	**3**
	Total Credits	**12**

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