

# Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS)



The CCRS is a national course undertaken by many teachers in Catholic schools, which supports teachers in their professional development 'that they may have a basic understanding of the Church, its teaching and way of life to enable them to contribute to the identity and ethos of the Catholic school' (CCRS Board of Studies).

Teachers can register to complete all 8 modules with CCRS accreditation **or study any module**, either with or without the assessment activity, **for their own professional development and to develop an understanding of aspects of Catholic education to benefit their school setting.** The **6 core modules** provide excellent **subject knowledge enhancement** for teachers and leaders of RE while the **2 specialist modules** explore the **practicalities of leading and working in Catholic schools.**

Once registered, participants have **five years** in which to complete all 8 modules for accreditation. Candidates can begin the course at any time throughout the year.

## Core Modules:

The Old Testament  
The New Testament  
Christology  
Ecclesiology  
Sacramental Theology  
Christian Morality

## Specialist Modules:

The Catholic School  
Catholic Leadership

The **Salford 2021-2023 programme** is an online course. Resources are provided for all modules, each of which is **tutor-led** and delivered across **ten hours of directed learning**. **This includes interactive, twilight zoom sessions**, independent reading and other learning tasks, together with an assessment for those undertaking the full CCRS.

## The next module, The Catholic School, begins in January 2022

This module refers to new CSI Framework for Catholic Schools and Colleges and explores:

- the nature and history of Catholic education
- Catholic schools and the law
- Catholic Life and Mission
- Prayer and Liturgy
- Curriculum RE
- Teaching as a vocation

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**Course Cost:** £580.00

£20.00 Board of Studies registration

£70.00 per module (with assignment and Board of Studies accreditation)

£55.00 per module as CPD only (i.e. without assignment or certification)