

MASTER OF EDUCATION IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education in Mary Immaculate College

Mary Immaculate College is pleased to announce a new postgraduate programme:

Master of Education in Religious Education.

Religious Education is a rich and complex academic discipline. It plays an important role in developing religious literacy, identity and imagination; promoting creative and critical thinking; offering a space for questioning and reflection; and fostering spiritual development, respect, openness, empathy and justice. It provides a space for dialogue and encounter between faith traditions and people of different belief traditions.

WHY MARY IMMACULATE COLLEGE?

This postgraduate programme, offered by the Department of Learning, Society, and Religious Education, draws on the specialist expertise at Mary Immaculate College in the area of Religious Education and the complementary discipline of Theology and Religious Studies.

PROGRAMME STRUCTURE

- The Master of Education degree programme in Religious Education (RE) is a **two-year, part-time** programme providing an opportunity for advanced study in the foundations, pedagogies, critical perspectives, contemporary issues and research in the field of religious education; enabling participants to reflect critically and creatively on the application of these insights to a variety of educational contexts.
- The programme, designed for **teachers and educators** who want to augment their understanding of religious education in the contemporary classroom and become religious education leaders in their schools, offers a variety of experiences to build knowledge, competency and skills in religious education, framed within the primary level context.
- Students will undertake seven taught modules and complete a dissertation.
- **Core Modules:** Religious Education: Approaches, Policy and Contexts; Religious Education and Inter-Belief Dialogue; Religious Education and the Search for God; Scripture and the Sacraments; The Christian Vision of the Human Person and its implications for Education; New Testament Christology; Principles and Practice of Research in Education.

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

- Programme classes are usually scheduled on evenings and some weekends. The delivery of the programme will be through face-to-face classes and some blended learning components.

BENEFITS OF STUDYING FOR A MASTERS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- Provides an introduction to the foundations, pedagogies, curriculum, research, and contemporary issues and debates in Religious Education
- Develops a critical awareness of the diverse perspectives in approaches, policy and contexts in the field of Religious Education
- Allows learners to develop creative and reflective teaching strategies that support learning in, from and about religion
- Formulates a framework for reflection on the participants' own personal, spiritual, theological, moral and professional development as religious educators in faith-based and other educational environments
- Explores the complex interplay of the historical, theological, socio-cultural, educational and belief dimensions of Religious Education and identifies key national and international trends in the field

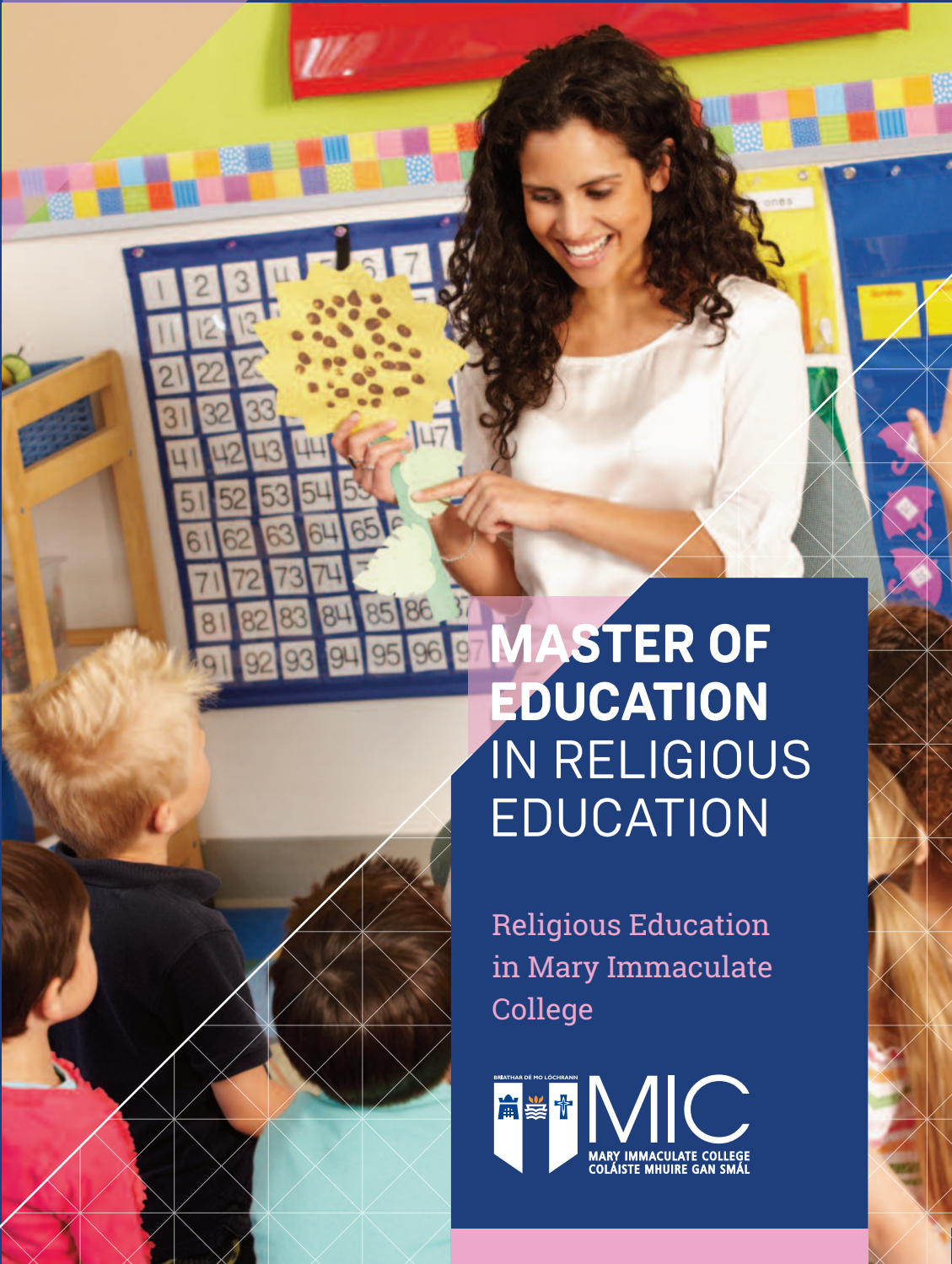
ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Applicants should hold a First or Second Class Honours undergraduate degree (Level 8, NQF) in a relevant or cognate discipline and/or have evidence of relevant experience and extensive prior learning in the discipline.

Applications are welcome from teachers and educators who are interested or involved in religious education across a variety of educational settings.



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