RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
(PH.D.)

The Ph.D. in Religious Education degree has been replaced for newly
admitted students by the Ph.D. in Religion and Practice. No additional
students will be admitted to this program in the future.

This program is offered only on campus.

The Ph.D. in religious education prepares professionals for leadership
in religious education. Specifically, it provides students with an
understanding of the distinctive nature of the field of religious
education as an interdisciplinary area of research and scholarship at the
intersection of the academic disciplines of theology/religious studies and
education.

In their coursework students explore the religious and educational
development of children, youth, and adults; historical and contemporary
approaches to religious education; and the personal, social, and
communal dimensions of education in faith. The program focuses on
Christian traditions of religious education, while also exploring how a
concern for interreligious education is constitutive of the theory and
practice of religious education.

Graduates of the program contribute to substantive research and
scholarship, and the development of practical approaches to religious
education. The program is known for its comprehensive religious
education curriculum, and the accessibility of faculty members and their
dedication to mentoring students.

The curriculum is 48 credits and includes required courses and seminars,
a qualifying paper, a dissertation proposal, and the writing and oral
defense of a doctoral dissertation. Students will ordinarily devote
the equivalent of two full years on campus to course work. Reading
knowledge of languages other than English may be required if the scope
and nature of the dissertation warrants such knowledge.