

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PH.D.)

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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.

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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.

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## CIP Code

39.0401 - Religious Education.

You can use the CIP code to learn more about career paths associated with this field of study and, for international students, possible post-graduation visa extensions. Learn more about CIP codes and other information resources.