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Revised Masters of Religious Education Program (M.R.E.)

Edmonton - Newman Theological College is pleased to announce the launch of its revised Masters of Religious Education program (M.R.E.) beginning in September, 2013. The new M.R.E. consists of 30 credits academic course work in addition to 12 credits of supervised field education in Religious Education. This field education will be provided to the students with no additional tuition.

As a result of this new program, the Graduate Diploma in Religious Education (G.D.R.E.) program will be phased out. Students who are currently in the G.D.R.E. will either complete their G.D.R.E. program or transfer to the new M.R.E. program depending upon their circumstances. Students who graduate from the G.D.R.E. can apply to complete the M.R.E. and achieve it by finishing the field education component that will begin this fall. Opportunities will be made available for these students to complete the 12 credits of field education over the next academic year. Newman Theological College is fully committed to helping our students complete their studies in a manner which will best fulfill their educational needs.

The new M.R.E. program will make Newman Theological College's offerings in Religious Education equivalent with what is expected in Masters of Education programs in other local institutions. It will also allow for an even greater integration of theological theory with educational practice. "This is an exciting development for the College to build on our tradition of forming Religious Educators throughout Alberta in new and relevant ways," said Newman Theological College President Dr. Jason West.

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