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A: CERTIFICATE IN THEOLOGY

	Theology 101	Hours per week
(1) Summa Theologica: God and Creatures		5
(2) Summa Theologica: Man, His End and Actions		5
(3) Lecture - Seminar		2
(4) Sacred Scripture: General Introduction		3
(5) Canon Law: General Norms with Special Reference to Religious		2
(6) History: Select Topics in Early Christian and Medieval History		2
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS 8

	Theology 201	
(1) Summa Theologica: The Theological Virtues		5
(2) Summa Theologica: The Moral Virtues		5
(3) Summa Theologica: Special Questions		2
(4) Lecture - Seminar		2
(5) Sacred Scripture: Special Introduction		3
(6) History: Select Topics in Medieval History		2
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS 8

	Theology 301	
(1) Summa Theologica: The Incarnation		5
(2) Summa Theologica: The Sacraments		5
(3) Lecture - Seminar		2
(4) Sacred Scripture: The Life of Christ		3
(5) Canon Law: Special Problems in Application		2
(6) History: Select Topics in Modern History		2

TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS 8

B: MASTER OF ARTS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OR
RELIGIOUS GUIDANCE

	Theology 401	Hours per week
(1) Sacred Theology:	Revelation (odd year)	
	Mariology (even year)	5
(2) Sacred Theology:	Grace (odd year)	
	Charity and the Religious	
	Life (even year)	5
(3) Lecture Seminar		2
(4) Sacred Scripture:	Special Questions	3
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS . . . 6

	Theology 501	
(1) Sacred Theology:	Revelation (odd year)	
	Mariology (even year)	5
(2) Sacred Theology:	Grace (odd year)	
	Charity and the Religious	
	Life (even year)	5
(3) Lecture Seminar		2
(4) Sacred Scripture:	Special Questions	3
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TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS . . . 6

MINIMUM NUMBER OF CREDITS REQUIRED FOR THE MASTER'S DEGREE

1. In Course	36
2. Thesis	6
Total	<hr/> 42

Addenda to Program

2. The Tract on Prophecy, (II-II, 171-74), will be treated in Sacred Scripture.
3. Theology seminars will alternate each week by course. In Theology 201 one seminar will be given to the tract on law and grace.
4. Any third year Sister intent upon pursuing graduate work must attend a pro-seminar in Dissertation Methodology one hour a week for one summer.
5. The theology for graduate students will consist of a course in Mariology, Revelation, Grace, Charity and the Religious Life (vide supra).

Examinations

6. All examinations are written, with the exception as noted in #8, and will be administered in the class preceding the final class of the session. Definite matter for this examination will be assigned a week in advance.
7. The examination in Latin (a prerequisite for the Master's Degree) will be administered on one designated date during the summer session. This date will be announced in advance by the Director. The ability to translate an article from the Summa Theologica is required to pass this examination. This examination must be passed before eligibility to pursue the Master's Course will be granted, and before the oral examination can be taken.
8. All candidates for the Master's Degree must take a thirty minute oral examination in theology. This examination will be given on the Thursday of the fourth full week of class in the fifth year. The boards will consist of three members of the faculty, and the examination will consist of ten theses taken from the Summa Theologica. Five of these theses are as follows:
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 1. I. C. 2, a. 3
 2. I-II. C. 3, a. 4
 3. II-II. C. 62, a. 2
 4. II-II. C. 83, a. 2
 5. III. C. 1, a. 2
10. The remaining five theses are to be selected by each candidate with the approval of the Director of her dissertation. The Director should ascertain that these articles are: (1) of sufficient theological content; (2) of sufficient length; (3) from the various parts of the Summa Theologica.

Grading

11. All written examinations will be graded by number.
12. The oral examination will be graded: non-probata; probata; bene probata; cum laude; magna cum laude; summa cum laude.
13. All grades must be handed in to the Director of the Summer School, and with prudent despatch, so that the Director may complete his work in like manner.
14. A dissertation is a requisite for the Master's Degree. It must be written in English and should be neither too brief nor too lengthy, but of sufficient scope to cover the topic adequately.

15. No candidates will be selected for graduate work until the end of the third year. The Director will notify those who have been selected as candidates for the Graduate School to forward the credentials of a Bachelor's Degree. A director for the dissertation will likewise be named and a copy of the 'rules' for writing dissertations entitled: A Manual For Writers of Dissertations at the Providence College Summer School of Sacred Theology for Sisters, will be forwarded. The candidate should forward to the Director of her dissertation several possible topics, stating her preference for one or more and enclose a tentative outline. If approved by the Director this outline should be completed by January 15th of the following year and approved in triplicate by the Director. One copy will be sent to the Sister; one will be sent to the Assistant Director of the Summer Session; and a third will be retained by the Director of the dissertation.
16. There will be no communication between the candidate and the director of the thesis after the approval of the outline, i.e. from January 15th and the beginning of the Summer Session of the ^{fourth} fifth year. The fourth summer will be spent upon intensive direction and writing of the dissertation.
17. By March of the fifth year the Director of the dissertation should know of the ability of the candidate to finish by the end of the fifth summer, and will notify both the Assistant Director of the School and the candidate to that effect. Opportunity will be allowed during the first two weeks of the fifth year for final consultation with the director. The complete dissertation must be given to the Director of the School at the beginning of the third week of the fifth year. The oral examinations will be given on the Thursday in the fourth week of the fifth year.
18. Directors of Dissertations should be prompt in answering all communications relative to dissertation matter during the allotted time.
19. When a dissertation has been accepted by the director, two readers may be appointed by the Assistant Director of the School. Should the first reader approve, the second will not be necessary. The names of the readers will be secret. The reader's role is secondary, He must accept the outline as approved. His sole task is to pass upon the doctrine and merit of the dissertation. The burden of approval rests upon the director.
20. A dissertation is approved when it receives the approval of the director and reader, whose names will be attached to the final copies.
21. No candidate may take the oral comprehensive examination until there is definite evidence that the dissertation has been concluded. A Sister may return for a sixth summer solely to complete her dissertation and to take the comprehensive oral examination.
22. The format and standard form adopted and designated by Providence College entitled: A Manual for Writers of Dissertations at the Providence College Summer School of Sacred Theology for Sisters, must be strictly followed in all dissertations.

23. The faculty has the right to grant or to deny all permissions relative to the publication of any dissertation in whole or in part.
24. Two copies of the dissertation, viz: the original and the first carbon copy, must be given to the Director of the Summer Session. These copies will be bound and placed in the Providence College Library. Other copies will be bound at the candidate's expense.

Certificates and Degrees

25. A candidate who successfully passes the requirements will be granted a Certificate in Theology at the end of three summers.
26. Sisters who have achieved a scholastic average of eighty-five percent for the three years and who have been accepted by a vote of the faculty may pursue the courses for the Master of Arts Degree. This average must also be maintained in the fourth and fifth years.
27. The degree of Master of Arts in Religious Education or Religious Guidance will be granted to those who have attended the five summer sessions and who have met all the requirements.

Credits

28. As a general policy Sisters in the Summer School of Theology may not submit credits received at Providence College to any other institution as partial credit toward the Bachelor's Degree, if they intend to pursue their studies at Providence College for the Master's Degree. This would be tantamount to using the same credits twice, namely for the Bachelor's Degree and also for the Master's Degree. Such a procedure is inadmissible. Sisters who do not intend to pursue the Master's Degree may use the credits received at Providence College for whatever purpose they wish. The full program for the Master's Degree at Providence College requires five full summers and all credits received must be directed towards this degree.
29. If at any time, and upon the recommendation of the faculty of another Institute of Theology, we accept Sisters for our graduate program, it is to be understood that there will be these prerequisites:

1. A bachelor's degree
 2. Four years of theology at an institute conducted by Dominican Fathers, where the Summa Theologica is used as a text and not merely as a reference.
 3. A make-up of courses not had in the original summer school.
 4. The recommendation of the faculty of the above institute.
30. Transfer students, as in #29, will be required to take the fourth and fifth years at Providence College. Likewise, the Latin examination; the graduate course examinations; the pro-seminar in Dissertation Methodology and the oral examination must be undergone as prerequisites for the Master's Degree.
 31. Sisters who have received a Certificate in Theology from Providence College and maintained an average of 85%, may continue graduate work at any time within five years after obtaining the certificate.
 32. Once a candidate begins her graduate work, she must complete all requirements within a period of seven years.
 33. A Sister who has attended the school for three summers may enroll for the fourth and fifth years as an auditor. No examinations can be taken and no credits received for these courses. Sisters may also enroll as auditors for the courses in the first three years under the same conditions.

Graduate Study

34. Sisters who have received the Master's Degree at Providence College may be recommended for further study for the Doctorate in Religion at St. Mary's, Notre Dame. In this respect, however, a two-thirds vote of the faculty is required and decisive.

Library

35. A temporary library is established at Aquinas Lounge for the use of the Sisters. The librarian is to receive recommendations for references from the various faculty members. Sisters also have access to the main library in Harkins Hall.

Philosophy Courses

36. As a background for theology a course has been designed in philosophy for the first year Sisters. It is obligatory and no credit will be given. An optional course is also offered for second and third year Sisters.