The Christian Teacher Diploma

The College of Education is proposing the addition of a Christian Teacher Diploma to the offerings of Concordia University, Nebraska. The diploma does not require the addition of new courses. The Christian Teacher Diploma is granted to students who have met all requirements for the teacher education program, have a teaching degree, and are eligible for a teaching license in the State of Nebraska. Students seeking this diploma have indicated an interest in serving as teachers in Christian schools that are not associated with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Students wishing to receive the CTD must apply to the program and complete its requirements as a part of the baccalaureate degree.

All students receiving the Christian Teachers Diploma are required to take a minimum of six hours of upper-level (300 or 400 level) theology or philosophy courses on campus.

Rationale:

In recent years we have experienced more non-LCMS students choosing Concordia University, Nebraska to continue their education with the goal of becoming a teacher. Many of these students have indicated a desire to teach in Christian schools. We believe that a solid preparation in Biblical basics will be beneficial to these students. In response to their desire and using the courses currently available to students at Concordia the College of Education has developed the Christian Teacher Diploma sequence.

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** for non-LTD candidates interested in teaching in a Christian school setting	9 hours
Choose 9 hours from the following courses:	
Theo-241 or 242 or 251 or 252 Biblical Interpretation course (choose only one)	3
Phil-301 Concepts in Philosophy	3
Theo-375 Christian Denominations, Movements, and Contemporary Cults	3
Theo-390 World Religions: The Gospel in a Pluralistic World	3
Theo-450 Understanding and Teaching the Bible	3
(Biblical Interpretation is a pre-requisite for Theo-450)	
Theo-465 Christian Ethics	3
Theo-482 Nurturing Faith through Family, School and Congregation	3
Theo-489 Ministry in a Changing World	3