



The Centre for Child Protection (CCP) is dedicated to providing educational resources—both basic training and specialized formation—for work in the field of safeguarding minors. Founded in January 2012, the CCP belongs to the Institute of Psychology of the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

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# Safeguarding of Minors Diploma & Licentiate

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**The Centre for Child Protection (CCP) of the Pontifical Gregorian University offers two safeguarding formation programmes.**

### **Who are the programmes for?**

Our programmes are designed for child protection officers in dioceses, religious institutes, and church agencies. They also equip those who serve as advisors, trainers and formators in ecclesial and secular organizations in the field of safeguarding minors and vulnerable adults.

Both programmes are open to candidates holding at least a first-cycle academic degree (Bachelor in Psychology, Theology, Medicine, Law, Education, etc.)

### **Our Approach**

- Both programmes follow the victims-first approach of the CCP.
- Our approach integrates methods and analytical frameworks from various disciplines (Psychology, Theology, Social Sciences, Canon Law, etc.).
- The method of teaching is interactive and allows students to actively participate and to discuss topics.

### **When, Where, How...**

- Both programmes are offered annually and begin in the first semester (October).
- Residence in Rome is required for the duration of the on-site courses.
- English is the working language for both programmes.

## Diploma Course One Semester



Professors of the CCP and the Pontifical Gregorian University, as well as renowned visiting scholars, teach a variety of topics during this five-month, full-time programme, which has as its scope the theoretical exploration of the field of safeguarding. The students' professional development is fostered through networking with others experienced in the field. After successfully completing the programme, a Diploma in Safeguarding of Minors will be awarded by the Institute of Psychology of the Pontifical Gregorian University.

## Licentiate Four Semesters



The Licentiate (Masters) programme responds to the need for profound knowledge in the field of safeguarding, offering deeper training that combines theoretical knowledge with practical experience (internship, guided reflections, etc.).

### *1st Semester:*

Exploring the field of safeguarding

### *2nd Semester:*

Deepening the theoretical knowledge and understanding of safeguarding

### *3rd Semester:*

Engaging in practical formation

### *4th Semester:*

Writing the licentiate (masters) thesis

After successfully completing all requirements including final exams, a Licentiate in Safeguarding of Minors will be awarded by the Pontifical Gregorian University.