

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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Zentrun

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.)

Basic Information:

- 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.).
- For us, teaching means creating a learning context and environment that motivates personal engagement, and seeks to enrich and develop students' personalities.
- 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

The purpose of this course is to equip future safeguarding officers with the neccessary competencies and skills to apply safeguarding guidelines and policies in their respective cultures. Experts from different fields teach this five-month, full-time programme. The students' professional and personal development is fostered through networking with others experienced in the field.

Licentiate

The Licentiate (Master's) programme builds upon the foundation of the Diploma. Practical exploration enables students to have independent mastery of the central elements of safeguarding. Beyond basic formation, the students, who have come to know each other in the Diploma course, now expand their network, interacting with professionals in the field. They become protagonists of the creative development of the culture of safeguarding.

1st Semester (Diploma Course):

Exploring the field of safeguarding

2nd Semester:

Deepening the theoretical knowledge and understanding of safeguarding

3rd Semester:

Internship, combined with supervision and/ or guided reflections.

4th Semester:

Writing the Licentiate (Master's) thesis

