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Centre for
Child Protection

LICENTIATE IN SAFEGUARDING OF MINORS

The Centre for Child Protection (CCP) organizes a two-year Licentiate (Master) in Safeguarding, which is offered by the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome.

When?

The two-year Licentiate program will run annually and will be offered for the first time in October 2018.

Why is such formation needed?

The creation of this Licentiate program responds to the need for thorough theoretical and/or practical formation (e.g., internship, guided reflections on questions related to the field) for those who work in dioceses, religious institutes, church agencies, and other ecclesial and secular organizations in the field of safeguarding minors and vulnerable people.

For whom is it intended?

With a maximum of ten participants per class to guarantee the quality of formation, the Licentiate is open to candidates holding at least a first-cycle academic degree (e.g., Bachelor in Psychology, Theology, Medicine, Law, Education and Formation, Social Sciences, Politics).

How is it structured?

The Licentiate provides integral and interdisciplinary formation—both theoretical and practical—in the field of safeguarding, based on a "victims first" approach. Students will learn, among other topics, to recognize evidence for sexual abuse, set up prevention measures, and relate to victims of abuse.

The program will be taught in English and structured in four academic semesters:

1. First Semester: Exploring the Field of Safeguarding
2. Second Semester: Deepening the Theoretical Knowledge and Understanding of Safeguarding
3. Third Semester: Practical Formation (e.g., internship, guided reflections on questions related to the field)
4. Fourth Semester: Licentiate (Master) Thesis and Final Exams

The Centre for Child Protection

The CCP of the Institute of Psychology of the Pontifical Gregorian University is a key institution in the global fight against sexual abuse, providing education and prevention programs in the field of safeguarding.

The CCP will continue to offer the Diploma in Safeguarding of Minors to students from both ecclesial and secular realities, as it has done since 2016. Using an interdisciplinary and interactive method, 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 program.