

## VET Award in Safeguarding of Minors (SM) September - December 2023

### Course level:

MFQ Level 3

### Credits:

3 ECTS/ECVET

### Course Description:

The course aims to provide participants with general knowledge in the area of child protection. An interdisciplinary approach, considering psychological, theological, legislative disciplines, will facilitate participants to understand the problem of Child Abuse in general and particularly Child Sexual Abuse from different perspectives and be able to offer the protection that minors deserve.

### Target Group

The course will be offered for all people who are interested in the wellbeing of children and in particular, it will be offered to persons that work with children in educational and pastoral settings.

### Course Objectives

Participants will be able to:

- a. Recognise possible signs of abuse and adopt appropriate intervention.
- b. Analyse and implement protective factors in one's own environment and reduce risk factors.
- c. Handle appropriately any disclosure of abuse.
- d. Make appropriate referrals to other professionals.
- e. Follow national and ecclesiastical safeguarding guidelines.
- f. Implement prevention programs.

**Assessment:**

Written assignment.

**Final Award:**

Further Education VET Award in Safeguarding of Minors

**Duration:**

20 Hours In-Person Lectures

**Lecture dates:**

16<sup>th</sup> September - 23<sup>rd</sup> September - 30<sup>th</sup> September - 07<sup>th</sup> October - 14<sup>th</sup> October  
21<sup>st</sup> October - 05<sup>th</sup> November - 11<sup>th</sup> November - 18<sup>th</sup> November - 25<sup>th</sup> November

**Certification:**

After successful completion of the course participants will be awarded a Certificate issued by the Institute for Pastoral Ministry authorized by the Malta Further and Higher Education Authority.

**Venue:**

John Paul II Family Institute, Fortunato Mizzi Str, Victoria.

**Course Fee:**

Participants have to pay the sum of € 80 by Friday 06<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Gozo Diocese Curia.

**Entry Requirement**

This course is open to all people involved in Pastoral Care/Chaplaincy, State or Private schools, Child Care services. Every application will be considered on its individual merits.

- School Leaving Certificate or Higher degree Certificate
- Proficient in English and/or Maltese
- Expressed interest in child safety
- Maturity Clause of Mature Students