



Safeguarding Children Microcredentials

Empowering safer, more inclusive environments for children

Ensuring children's rights and wellbeing are prioritised

Fostering holistic education, ethical awareness, and social responsibility

Building strong partnerships with families, communities, and institutions.

Delivery

Online and multi-mode
Commencing 2025

Duration

Each microcredential is approximately 75-hours

Fees

\$1,500 per microcredential.
Discount may be available for groups.

Credit

Each microcredential is 5 credit points

Study pathway

Graduate Certificate in Education
- up to 30 credit points.

Register your interest

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Equip yourself with the expertise and practical understanding needed to make a real difference today.

The Safeguarding Children microcredential suite aims to equip education and organisational leaders with the knowledge and understanding of contemporary issues and responses to safeguarding children and young people. Acknowledging local and global challenges, these microcredentials integrate current research and best practice.

This suite of six microcredentials is grounded in the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations in alignment with relevant state-based child safe standards.

OVERVIEW

Designed for busy professionals, these flexible courses will provide you with practical skills in safeguarding children, focusing on ethics, legal compliance, risk management and prevention strategies.

You can complete each microcredential progressively or as a standalone course. Gain up to 30 credit points towards the Graduate Certificate in Education, by completing two to six microcredentials.

The microcredentials include:

- Safeguarding Children 1: Ethics, Values, and Practices
- Safeguarding Children 2: Strengthening Institutional Responses for Abuse Prevention
- Safeguarding Children 3: Professional Ethics in Working with Children
- Safeguarding Children 4: Wellbeing and Social Support Practices
- Safeguarding Children 5: Legal and Policy Frameworks

- Safeguarding Children 6: Risk Management and Digital Environments

Together, these microcredentials offer a flexible and comprehensive program that provides participants with the tools to foster safe, inclusive, and effective environments for children. Each microcredential equips professionals with the theoretical knowledge and practical skills necessary to lead safeguarding efforts within their professional contexts.

HIGHER EDUCATION PATHWAYS

The Theology of Childhood: Close to the Mystery of God

This theological-focused unit, valued at 10 credit points, can be combined with the Safeguarding Children microcredentials to complete a Graduate Certificate in Education.

The Theology of Childhood: Close to the Mystery of God unit explores the constructs of childhood from sociological, anthropological, cultural, psychological, historical and philosophical perspectives. The major focus of this unit is on the nature of childhood from a Christian perspective, developing a rich theology of childhood.

BESPOKE OFFERINGS

We work with organisations to customise learning solutions, including bespoke microcredentials, short courses and masterclasses, co-designed and developed to meet your needs and challenges.

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MICROCREDENTIALS OVERVIEW

The microcredentials are guided by international legal frameworks such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD), as well as Australia's National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

Ethics, Values, and Practices introduces the ethical foundations of safeguarding. Participants examine international treaties and explore the responsibilities of institutions in upholding children's rights. The focus is on ethical leadership and empowering children, with an emphasis on developing policies that align with a rights-based approach.

Strengthening Institutional Responses for Abuse Prevention addresses institutional accountability. Drawing on insights from Australia's Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, this microcredential explores how institutions have historically failed or succeeded in safeguarding. Participants learn how to implement trauma-informed, legally compliant, and preventative strategies that ensure child safety.

Professional Ethics in Working with Children examines the ethical dilemmas professionals face in child safeguarding. Issues such as balancing autonomy with mandatory reporting are explored. Participants engage with real-world ethical challenges, including confidentiality and decision-making in the context of adolescents' rights and safety.

Wellbeing and Social Support Practices focuses on welfare systems supporting vulnerable children, particularly those affected by family violence or mental health challenges. This microcredential emphasizes collaboration with external agencies such as healthcare providers, welfare services, and law enforcement to create comprehensive safeguarding strategies that promote children's holistic wellbeing.

Legal and Policy Frameworks provides a detailed analysis of national and international child protection laws. Participants learn how to develop institutional policies that ensure legal compliance while promoting ethical standards for safeguarding children. This microcredential equips participants to navigate complex legal frameworks in their institutions.

Risk Management and Digital Environments focuses on managing risks in both physical and online environments. Participants learn to conduct risk assessments and develop management strategies for threats such as cyberbullying, grooming, and physical safety hazards in educational and institutional settings. Special emphasis is placed on protecting vulnerable children, including those with disabilities, by implementing effective safeguarding practices.

For more information

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