



UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI TORINO

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Visiting Professor Program Academic year 2022/2023

TEACHING COMMITMENT: 24 hours

COURSE TITLE

Child abuse and Neglect

TEACHING PERIOD

1st term

SCIENTIFIC AREA

Psychology

LANGUAGE USED TO TEACH

English

COURSE SUMMARY

The course will deal with the following topics:

- Overview of the forms of violence against children;
- Failure to thrive;
- Physical maltreatment;
- Psychological maltreatment or emotional abuse;
- Pathology in the treatments (lack of care, inappropriate care, excessive care);
- Sexual abuse within the family, outside the family and sexual exploitation;
- Physical, emotional, behavioral indicators and psychological consequences in the various forms of child abuse;
- The abusive father (psychodynamic approach, systemic approach, and phenomenological approach);
- The non-abusive parent: the mother (Everson's Classification);
- Abusive siblings;
- The paedophile;
- Paedophilia and the clergy;
- Handicap and disability;

- Prevention and intervention design;
- Evaluation tools;
- Case studies and expert reports.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

a. Students must know the problems connected to maltreatment and sexual abuse in its various forms and the wide range of meanings this phenomenon assumes in studies related to issues including separation, divorce and child custody.

They must also understand the concept of maltreatment not only from the clinical point of view but also in a judicial perspective with reference to current legislation.

b. Students must be able to use valid, reliable methods of recognizing the phenomenon and of assessing its psychological effects so as to enable appropriate reparative interventions to be designed for the protection of the child and the family. They must also be able to interpret and critically assess the outcome of interviews with the parents or the child, of observation sessions or psychological tests used in assessment, and of the expert opinions obtained, being fully aware of the ethical responsibilities.

c. Students must demonstrate good communication skills and the ability to apply

TUTORSHIP ACTIVITIES

N/A

LAB ACTIVITIES

N/A

OTHER ACTIVITIES BESIDES THE COURSE

N/A

VISITING PROFESSOR PROFILE

The lecturer must be an expert in the atypical developmental processes of children and adolescents with the particular topic of violence against children and child sexual abuse.

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