



Application Form: 2025-2026 Child Protection Certificate (CPC) Program

The François-Xavier Bagnoud (FXB) Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University offers Harvard graduate students the opportunity to obtain a certificate in child protection. This interdisciplinary qualification is open to students from any Harvard graduate school.

All certificate candidates must complete this application, including a Statement of Purpose (see below), and a statement of intent to complete 12 credits selected from CPC course offerings in at least three of the curriculum's five domains. Courses listed on the website as foundational courses are not required but count towards more than one domain as explained online, and can be applied as needed. Candidates must also attend a one-semester mandatory non-credit seminar during the 2025-2026 spring semester held on four consecutive Fridays beginning February 6, 2026 from 10am-12pm.

Please note the program is capped at 30 CPC candidates for the 2025-2026 academic year. Accepted candidates will be notified during the Fall 2025 semester.

CPC Candidate Contact Information:

Name: _____

Harvard Graduate School: _____

Department/Concentration: _____

Current Email Address: _____

Month /Year Entered: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

How did you hear about the CPC program?

Please provide your Statement of Purpose and Statement of Intent on the following pages.

Statement of Purpose:

Statement for applicants to the Child Protection Certificate (250 words or less) must include:

- The Harvard graduate program you are enrolled in and your focused interest within your field;
- Previous academic, professional, and/or extracurricular experiences that demonstrate your interest in child protection and related issues;
- Reasons for wanting to enroll in the certificate program; and
- Career plans upon completion of the program.

The short essay should succinctly establish (1) your preparation to undertake this course of study and (2) a good fit between the curriculum and your interests and goals.

Statement of Intent:

Please list here the selection and distribution of 12 credits you intend to complete to qualify for the child protection certificate, drawing from the curriculum offerings found at: <https://fxb.harvard.edu/child-protection-curriculum/> As the academic calendar is finalized for 2025-2026, the course information linked to our website will be updated.

You must ensure that the 12 qualifying credits are taken across at least 3 of the below domains. Please be sure to list your courses in the following format: subject, course number then course title (ex. SBS 246: Maternal and Child Health: Programs and Policies).

CHILD PROTECTION FOUNDATIONAL COURSES	
CHILD PROTECTION SYSTEMS	VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN
JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN	SOCIAL CHANGE/ FAMILY STRENGTHENING
CHILD PROTECTION LEADERSHIP TOOLS	

Please submit an electronic copy of your completed application form to Rebecca Shin (rebeccashin@hsph.harvard.edu). Please name your application in the following format: FIRST NAME, LAST NAME - SCHOOL.