



Application Form: 2026-2027 Child Protection Certificate (CPC) Program

The François-Xavier Bagnoud (FVB) 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.

Candidates must also attend a one-semester mandatory non-credit seminar during the 2027 spring semester held on four consecutive Fridays beginning February 5, 2027 from 10am-12pm.

Please note the program is capped at 30 CPC candidates for the 2026-2027 academic year. Accepted candidates will be notified during the Fall 2026 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 2026-2027, 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 by domain:** course number, course title and number of credits (ex. EDU T250: Children with Learning and Developmental Differences, 4 credits).

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.