

WHAT OUR GRADUATES ARE SAYING

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“I've been very fortunate to both study and work within Child Policy Research, gaining wonderful mentors and friends along the way. I'm excited to pursue a career in healthcare with a greater understanding of the transformative impact that policy has on the lives of children and families.”



Molly Carson
Certificate graduate '23



Noor Sandhu
Certificate graduate '21

“The Child Policy Research certificate gave me the opportunity to study the intersection of my interests within my major, policy issues that impact children and families, and with research.”

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CHILD POLICY RESEARCH CERTIFICATE

Policy solutions for children and families based on scientific evidence.

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ABOUT THE CERTIFICATE

Housed in the Center for Child and Family Policy, the Certificate program focuses on how research translates into practical solutions for children.

The Experience

- Gain skills to execute effective policy-oriented research.
- Explore child and family policy issues through interdisciplinary study.
- Work with faculty members to conduct original research on real-world policy issues.



The certificate teaches students how to:

Analyze issues facing children, families, and society.

Apply analytical skills to study these issues with empirical rigor.

Engage in research that informs policy and practice.

CURRICULUM

Certificate students complete six courses:

- Three required core courses
- One methodology course
- Two elective courses

Required Courses

Child Policy Research (Cornerstone)

ChildPol 250S/ PubPol 242S

Independent Study or Honors Thesis

ChildPol 393

*Requirement may also be fulfilled with equivalent in another department with permission from certificate director

Multidisciplinary Approaches to Contemporary Children's Issues (Capstone)

ChildPol 495S

Methodology Course

*Requirement may be fulfilled with Capstone Seminar in Special Topics in Public Policy: Research Methods for Social Policy (PUBPOL 490S-01) or a research/ empirical methods course in the department of the student's major

Electives

Two elective courses may be selected from across academic departments such as psychology, neuroscience, public policy, sociology, economics and education.

Interdisciplinary Approach

Building on the core classes, students work with a faculty mentor to customize an interdisciplinary instructional program.

OPPORTUNITIES

Conference Travel

Certificate students are eligible for a travel award from the Center for Child and Family Policy to attend a national research conference, such as the American Educational Research Association Annual Meeting.

Research Fellowship

The Jacqueline A. Morris Fellowship provides opportunities for financial support to undergraduate students interested in conducting research in child and family policy.



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I loved my time in the CPR Certificate program at Duke. I was able to take some of my favorite classes while enjoying the benefits of a small cohort.



Brynn Meyercord,
Certificate graduate '23