

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social & Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

PSYC

Course Number

2463

Course Title

Child Abuse and Neglect Perspect

Catalog Description

This course provides comparative perspectives on child maltreatment and advocacy. Information on the history of child advocacy and response to child maltreatment, including issues relating to mandated reporting, are addressed. Forms of abuse, risk factors, and outcomes are discussed. Content is designed for anyone preparing for careers where knowledge of child maltreatment and advocating for children might be necessary such as criminal justice, education, social work, sociology, early childhood development, psychology, nursing, or law.

Prerequisites

N/A

Credit Hours

3 credit hours

Contact hours

45 contact hours

Load hours

3 load hours

Semesters Offered

On Demand

ACTS Equivalent

N/A

Grade Mode

A-F

Learning Outcomes

- Describe the history of child protection interventions, both civil and legal.
- Discuss forms of child maltreatment, potential consequences, interventions, and treatments.
- Explain the initial responses to child maltreatment by professionals.

- Describe the investigative process and the roles of interdisciplinary team members.
- Discuss perpetrator issues such as characteristics of perpetrators, interviewing the perpetrator, and legal charges.
- Explain the roles of other professionals including medical, educational, mental health personnel and other mandated reporters.
- Identify needed support systems for the child and the family and access child placement needs.
- Demonstrate skills needed to serve as an effective child advocate throughout the investigative process.
- Explain how issues of race, class, sexual orientation, religion, gender, poverty, and social justice influence investigation of child maltreatment; analysis; and knowledge of major concepts, models and issues in the discipline of geography.

General Education Outcomes Supported

- N/A

Standard Practices

Topics list

- Definition of child abuse
- Maltreatment, endangerment, and neglect
- Civil and legal child protection interventions
- Perpetrator characteristics (including interviewing techniques and legal charges)
- Support systems for children
- Role of multidisciplinary team members
- Factors influencing investigations

Learning activities

- N/A

Assessments

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A