

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**  
**Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and**  
**Wellness, Legal and Protective Services**

**SCWK 2133 (Introduction to Social Work)**

**Catalog Description:**

Survey of the social work field and consideration of people's problems and the programs that link them together.

**Suggested Prerequisite:**

None

**Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load Hours:**

3/3/3

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- Explain the concept of person: environment from an ecosystem's point of view
- Define generalist social work practice
- Discuss client systems for micro, mid, and macro level interventions within the social work profession
- Describe and discuss empowerment based social work practice
- Explain why poverty and its effects are important within the Social Work practice

**Topics:**

- Social Work: A Helping Profession
- An Evolving Profession
- Social Work and Social Systems
- The Social Service Delivery System
- Values and Ethics in Social Work
- Social Work and Social Justice
- Diversity and Social Work
- Empowering Processes for Social Work Practice
- Social Work Functions and Roles
- Social Work and Social Policy
- Social Work and Poverty, Homelessness, Unemployment and Criminal Justice
- Social Work in Health, Rehabilitation, and Mental Health
- Social Work with Families and Youths
- Adult and Aging Services

**Forms of Assessment:**

The Department of Behavioral Sciences is committed to ensuring our students come away from our courses with a good general understanding of the material, and more specifically, achieving the college-wide objectives. (Students can read selections at the appropriate level of education and describe the main idea and supporting details. Students can evaluate written material objectively. Instructors will utilize the course textbook and possible outside readings for a better understanding of each topic). The Assessment Committee determines which of the many college-wide learning outcomes each course is to test. Each discipline decides upon the testing method for the semester