

Northwest Arkansas Community College
(Social and Behavioral Sciences Division)

Discipline Code

CMJS

Course Number

2473

Course Title

Child Abuse Investigations

Catalog Description

This course examines child maltreatment investigations through the perspective of the Multidisciplinary Team, which is composed of law enforcement, social workers, attorneys, advocates, counselors, nurses, and other professionals. The course relies heavily on simulations and experiential learning to expand knowledge and skills used to identify, investigate, and prosecute child maltreatment allegations with a trauma informed response.

Prerequisites

None

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

- Develop skills for using a coordinated multidisciplinary approach for sharing information and dividing responsibilities
- Demonstrate use of a trauma informed response to develop support systems for children and families and minimize the impact of the investigation

- Demonstrate beginning interview skills needed when maltreatment is suspected
- Describe issues related to child witnesses, such as recantation, suggestibility, memory, testifying, and the impact of multiple interviews.
- Demonstrate the skills necessary to act as a child advocate
- Explain how issues of race, class, sexual orientation, religion, gender, poverty, and social justice influence investigation of child maltreatment

General Education Outcomes Supported

- N/A

Standard Practices

Topics list

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

Learning activities

- Courses must, at a minimum, cover the core learning outcomes for each topic. Faculty may add to these outcomes but may not omit any of them.
- Courses will include at least one simulation that requires students to function as a multidisciplinary team.

Assessment

- N/A

Grading guidelines

- N/A