

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

CMJS/ PSYC 2463 (Child Abuse and Neglect)

Catalog Description:

(On Demand) 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:

None.

Credit Hours/Contact Hours/Load

hours: 3/3/3

Target Audience:

CMJS/ PSYC 2463 is designed for anyone interested in pursuing a career involving any aspect of child protection, including health care, education, social work, criminal justice, or mental health services. This course is part of the Child Advocacy Studies curriculum.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe the history of child protection interventions, both civil and legal.
2. Discuss forms of child maltreatment, potential consequences, interventions, and treatments.
3. Explain the initial responses to child maltreatment by professionals.
4. Describe the investigative process and the roles of interdisciplinary team members.
5. Discuss perpetrator issues such as characteristics of perpetrators, interviewing the perpetrator, and legal charges.
6. Explain the roles of other professionals including medical, educational, mental health personnel and other mandated reporters.
7. Identify needed support systems for the child and the family and access child placement needs.
8. Demonstrate skills needed to serve as an effective child advocate throughout the investigative process.
9. Explain how issues of race, class, sexual orientation, religion, gender, poverty, and social justice influence investigation of child maltreatment.

Topics:

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.