

Northwest Arkansas Community College

Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences

Discipline Code

SCWK

Course Number

2133

Course Title

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.

Prerequisites

None

Credit hours

3

Contact hours

3

Load hours

3

Target Audience

Student Learning Outcomes

- Explain the concept of person: environment from an ecosystems 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

- Exams:
 - True/false
 - Multiple choice
 - Short answer/definition
 - Essay
- Quizzes:
 - True/false
 - Multiple choice
 - Short answer /definition
 - Essay
 - Research Papers
- Research Papers