

**University of Arkansas – Fort Smith**

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**General Syllabus:**

**SOWK 3914 Social Work Practice (Generalist)**

Credit Hours: 4      Lecture Hours: 4      Laboratory: None

Prerequisite: Admission to BSW, junior standing, 12 hours upper level SOWK courses, and departmental permission.

Effective Catalog: 2015-2016

**I. Course Information:**

**A. Catalog Description**

Develops generalist social work knowledge and skills for working with and on behalf of individuals, families, and groups. Lectures will address the development of basic social work direct practice skills. Students will be taught the art of interviewing, video recording, observation, group process analysis, and family therapy case analysis.

**B. Additional Information-** Skills-based course

**II. Student Learning Outcomes:**

**A. Subject Matter**

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Identify as a professional social worker and conduct oneself accordingly. (Competency 2.1.1)
2. Apply social work ethical principles to guide professional practice. (Competency 2.1.2)
3. Apply knowledge of human behavior and the social environment. (Competency 2.1.7)
4. Demonstrate an understanding of the Workers Code of Ethics  
<http://www.socialworkers.org/pubs/CODE/Default.asp>.
5. Demonstrate Generalist Practice and core competencies. (Competency 2.2)  
*\*The Council on Social Work Education (CSWE) requires 10 Core Competencies, a Code of Ethics, and Generalist Practice requirements*

## **B. University Learning Outcomes**

This course enhances student abilities in the following areas:

### **Technological Skills**

Students will use the library and internet resources to research literature to complete research papers, written assignments, and to prepare for class discussions. The use of a variety of technological resources will be a graded component of these written and verbal activities.

### **Communication Skills**

Students will demonstrate appropriate written and verbal communication skills through papers and oral presentations concerning course focus and in accordance with instructions.

### **Ethics**

Students will be able to weigh evidence, tolerate ambiguity, act ethically, and reflect other values that are the underpinnings of social work (nationally and internationally) as a discipline, and as a profession. Standard ethical conduct reflected by the CSWE and related international Social Work associations will be addressed.

### **Global and Cultural Perspectives**

Students will be introduced to global and cultural perspectives with respect to the social work profession and in accordance with the CSWE core competency requirements. Written and verbal activities will require that students demonstrate an understanding of these global and cultural perspectives.

## **III. Major Course Topics:**

- A. Case management, National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethic
- B. Topics relevant to Americans with disabilities
- C. Social Work practice
- D. Observation and discussion of the application of social work skills