

Child Abuse & Neglect

Lower level, Liberal, 4 credits

Child Abuse and Neglect is considered to be lower level knowledge that is liberal. It represents foundational skills and concepts that an entry level human service worker has acquired. Child Abuse and Neglect is more often about why we do things (i.e., liberal) and not necessarily how we do things (i.e., non-liberal). At Empire State College and community colleges, the course in Child Abuse and Neglect is offered at the lower level.

The questions below can only be utilized for Child Abuse and Neglect at the lower level, not advanced level. There is a PLA guide for Child Welfare at the advanced level in this area. It is not recommended to do a PLA on both Child Abuse and Neglect and Child Welfare as they overlap significantly. Please discuss with your mentor which might best fit your experience.

Please use the questions below to structure your PLA submission on the topic of Child Abuse and Neglect. Copy each question and respond directly below it. If you utilize an outside source, such as a website or a book, make sure to reference this in your response. The responses to the questions should be submitted in a Word document and uploaded in PLA Planner. In PLA Planner, you would list the topic as Child Abuse and Neglect, asking for 4 credits, and designate this as Lower Level and Liberal.

Please note – responding to these questions is not a guarantee of credit. You will still be expected to speak with an evaluator and answer any supplemental questions that they may have. The evaluator would then make a credit determination.

Questions for Students to respond to

We suggest you save this document with your name and the title of the PLA (e.g., Smith Child Abuse and Neglect PLA) and answer beneath each question below.

Name:

ID:

PLA Title: Child Abuse and Neglect

Number of Credits Requested: 4

Type: Lower level, Liberal

1. Briefly describe your experiences in the area of Child Abuse and Neglect.

2. Describe in detail the different types of child abuse and neglect

3. Compare and contrast various social and cultural perspectives related to child maltreatment.

4. Describe the risk and protective factors associated with child abuse and neglect.

5. Identify sources of support and practice techniques to assist families who have experienced child abuse and neglect.