

**North Florida/South Georgia VA Women's Program**

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**Overview & Mission:** We are committed to meeting the unique needs of Women Veterans by delivering the highest quality health care while offering privacy, dignity and sensitivity to gender-specific needs that are deserved. The goal is to ensure that timely, equitable, high-quality, comprehensive health care services are provided to women Veterans in a sensitive and safe environment. This is to include access to gender-specific health care as well as mental health care. The care provided should be comparable to the care provided to male Veterans.

**Schedule Requirements:** Interns are required to work at least **9 hours per week**. Work is done at the VA Women's Program site. Schedule is flexible as long as there is communication.

**Prerequisites/Qualifications:** Qualifications required for our internship are knowledge about and interest in the issues our organization deals with; a good attitude and professional demeanor; and willingness to work. Some skill with Word, Excel, PowerPoint and/or Publisher is a plus. Fingerprinting and completing several forms are required before work can be started; this process takes approximately 30 days.

**What activities will the intern take part in, and how do they relate to Women's/Gender studies?**

Most interns will work or shadow in the following areas:

- Women's Primary Care Clinic
- Mammography
- LGBT Program
- My HealthVet program
- Patient Education
- Employee Wellness
- VET Center

General activities:

- Assist in education of our pregnant Veterans
- Assist in screening patients via phone
- Design programs for women Veterans
- Designing educational programs for women Veterans and staff
- Assist in planning, preparing, and staffing of special events
- Some clerical duties

Projects:

- “HER Story; Honor, Excellence, Respect” We are looking for students to interview women Veterans and write their story when they were in the Military. These will be framed and placed in the main hallways of the VA to help with Culture Change.

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