

CWSGR Internship: Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida

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Brief description/mission:

Established in 1974, Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida (PPNCF) is a non-profit organization with a mission to provide, promote, protect, and advocate for access to reproductive healthcare and sexuality education so that people can make voluntary and informed choices about their reproductive and sexual health. PPNCF provides high-quality, affordable reproductive healthcare and education at its two clinics, one in Gainesville and one in Tallahassee.

Planned Parenthood believes in the fundamental right of each individual, throughout the world, to manage his or her fertility, regardless of the individual's income, marital status, age, national origin or residence. We believe that reproductive self-determination must be voluntary and preserve the individual's right to privacy. We further believe that such self-determination will contribute to an enhancement of the quality of life, strong family relationships, and population stability.

Interns at Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, Inc., will be responsible for a variety of tasks (see below). The internship offers a \$750 stipend per semester for a full time (40 hrs/week) intern. Interns who aren't available full-time will receive the appropriate portion of the full-time stipend.

Deadline for Applications:

Spring semester interns: November 10; Summer semester interns: March 10; Fall semester interns: June 10

Number of Hours/Credits: 20 Hours/week, 6 Credits. Interns work at the main office on NW 13th St.

Schedule Requirements: Flexible, but once a weekly schedule is set (Mon., 9-2; Wed., 9-5, etc.) interns will work that schedule all semester.

Prerequisites/Qualifications: The only 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.

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

PPNCF interns have the opportunity to experience many exciting health education programs and initiatives! In addition to the responsibility of facilitating standard office operations, interns may participate in:

- * Coordinating volunteer program
- * Developing and presenting educational programs
- * Developing patient education materials
- * Assisting in pregnancy options counseling sessions
- * Assisting the community with educational resources
- * Assist with HIV pre-test and post-test counseling
- * Coordinating events for theme weeks/months (i.e. World AIDS Day)

- * Attending professional development opportunities
- * Implementing and or assisting with departmental programs in the community
- * Management of Resource Library
- * Information exchange via telephone
- * Representing Planned Parenthood in the community at various events

Skills that you will gain during a Planned Parenthood Internship:

- * Community, school, and clinical health education experience
- * Time and task management skills
- * Organizational Skills
- * Program development and implementation
- * Networking with other community organizations
- * Pregnancy Options Counseling
- * HIV pre/post test Counseling
- * Extensive sexuality education
- * Confidentiality skills
- * Curriculum development
- * Professional level of communication skills