

**CWSGR Internship:  
Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse Network**

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**Brief description/mission:** To stop domestic violence in our community and encourage people to make informed and healthy choices.

**Number of Hours/Credits:** Flexible, 1-3 credits. Interns keep track of hours using monthly in-house Volunteer Timesheets.

**Schedule Requirements:** Interns set own schedule according to the amount of hours they are required to fulfill and the programs in which they are working. Interns working with support groups will need to conform to the group's schedule. All interns must attend the mandatory training, described below.

**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. However, interns who will work directly with clients must complete a state-mandated 24 hour advocate-training program, plus another 6 hours in-service training on-site. (Hours spent in training will count towards the internship.) Once trained, individuals will be certified by Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence as Advocates; certification is transferable to other domestic violence centers. Training will occur over several evenings and one or more weekend day; date TBA (probably early January). There is a \$50.00 fee to cover the cost of training.

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

We have various outreach and shelter programs that an intern can participate in depending on their own personal interests. There are adult and child/teen support groups, victim advocacy within the Alachua/Bradford/Union civil divisions, crisis intervention/counseling on the help line, direct shelter services and community education/speaking opportunities. All of these programs are directly related to issues of domestic/interpersonal violence in addition to our commitment to social change regarding issues of oppression and gender inequality. There are areas that require some administrative tasks, however we prefer interns who actively seek experiences within direct services