

Internship: Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic, Levin College of Law

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Brief description/mission:

IPVAC is a multidisciplinary team anchored at the law school serving indigent victims of domestic violence with legal, mental health and/or case management needs. IPVAC is a civil clinic that is taken by law students for school credit. Staff includes a full-time director/attorney, a part-time licensed clinical social worker, a full-time victim advocate and a part-time program assistant. IPVAC members also conduct outreach into the community with such partners as the mobile outreach clinic bus, the free veterinarian clinic, Helping Hands Homeless clinic and the College of Medicine's Pediatric out patient clinic.

Number of Hours/Credits: 10 hours/week for 3 credits.

Schedule Requirements: Interns work a fixed schedule that is set at the beginning of the term based on IPVAC's needs and the student's class schedule. Most work is done on site at IPVAC, though there may be some offsite work while doing outreach.

Prerequisites/Qualifications:

There is a day-long orientation each term the week before law school classes begin. It would be very important for the intern to be able to attend this orientation.

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, Spanish speaking would be a huge asset, as would a basic grasp of domestic violence issues.

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

Interns can participate in a number of ways at IPVAC. There may be some specific project work, for example, in the Spring we participate in migrant blueberry festivals which involve food/clothing drives at the law school and delivering of these items to blueberry farms in Alachua County where we discuss and screen for domestic violence. We also participate in a number of fall health fairs where we discuss and screen for domestic violence. Daily activities involve conducting initial screening with potential clients, safety planning with clients, weekly outreach activities, preparing and conducting community presentations, preparing for court, participating in multidisciplinary meetings, etc. Each day is different.