

HuskiesAdvance Co-Curricular Experience: SCSU Women's Center/Gender Violence Prevention Program

The St. Cloud State Women's Center advances women across identities and advocates for gender equity and social justice through transformative programs and services. Student employees and interns support the mission of the Women's Center by developing awareness, responses, and solutions to gender inequity and intersecting forms of oppression to support a welcoming, vibrant campus

Examples of Women's Center student employee and internship experiences:

- Programming and Outreach Assistant
- Gender Violence Advocacy Intern (*requires completion of 40-hour sexual assault advocate training through SCSU HURL406/506 class or other training in MN such as the online training through the Central MN Sexual Assault Center*)
- Women's Center Programming, Outreach, and Training Graduate Assistant
- Internship and volunteer positions can be tailored based on students' interests and their academic/professional goals

Examples of other experiences:

- Engaging in the Gender Violence Awareness Committee, Period Chapter, Sexual Assault Awareness Month committee, Take Back the Night march committee (i.e., attending planning meetings, participating and organizing events, facilitating education and awareness action and campaigns on campus)
- Helping organize, staff, and assess/evaluate the Women on Wednesday speaker series events
- Other experiences can be created and tailored based on students' interests and their academic/professional goals (in consultation with Women's Center staff)

Learning outcomes:

- Gain skills in leadership, civic engagement, social justice, and campus/community organizing.
- Explore putting feminist, social justice, and anti-oppression theory into practice through experiences planning events, outreach, advocacy, education, and developing, marketing, implementing, and assessing campus events and projects.
- Experience serving and assisting visitors/attendees of the Women's Center and Women's Center-sponsored events
- Learn about emerging issues, integrate best practices from the feminist, gender equity, social justice, student affairs, and anti-violence fields, and evaluate effectiveness of programming and services.
- *Gender Violence Advocacy Interns only:* Develop skills in crisis intervention, motivational interviewing, safety planning, basic counseling, group facilitation, presenting/educating, and victim advocacy skills (at an individual and macro-level). Be able to identify and practice trauma-responsive care by integrating those techniques into their interactions with the students seeking services. Refer, connect, support, and inform student survivors on campus policies, supportive measures, reporting, resources, and safety options.