Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services Internship  
School of Government and Public Policy, PUBLIC MANAGEMENT & POLICY Students

**General Description:** The Arizona Department of Veterans’ Services is a state agency that advocates for the over 600,000 veterans that reside in the state. Our Mission: To be the catalyst in response to the evolving needs of Arizona’s veterans and their families.

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**Agency Minimum Qualifications:** 2.5 GPA; Junior or Senior; no previous work required; no special knowledge required.

**Agency Preferred Qualifications:** Must be able to work in the Phoenix area; must have a commitment to the AZDVS mission of caring and advocating for veterans; must be proactive, have personal integrity and responsibility; experience with computer programs; ability to work well with professionals and the public; must have own computer equipment. Work hours are from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Internship Description:** Unpaid

- Learn about veteran homelessness from the VA and the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
- Conduct research about HUD/VASH
- Conduct research about the Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
- Experience the passion of counselors that work with the homeless and their impact on prevention of homelessness.
- Understand the definition of a homeless veteran
- Understand the Point in Time count
- Conduct research with the definition of homeless veterans, on how each of those veterans are housed (process)
- Understand how single female veterans and single head of household veterans are housed
- Develop recommendations to ADVS to redesign current process of housing the homeless veteran population that will inform the 5-year veteran homelessness plan

**Purpose of the Internship:** The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is seeking graduate or undergraduate students working towards a degree in public policy to help conduct research on veteran homelessness. The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, through a coordinated effort, implemented a 5-year Veteran Homelessness plan that has now expired. To inform a new plan we are seeking two individuals to research veteran homelessness in respect to the effective use of Housing and Urban Development-Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (HUD/VASH) and/or the Housing First methods. Although the internship is unpaid, you will gain valuable professional development experience and may be eligible to earn credit towards your degree.

**Additional Information:** The individual will have to sign a volunteer registration form before beginning the internship.

**To Apply:** Submit cover letter and resume to the below contact.

**Expected Contact:** We will contact by email within two weeks of closing date.

**Contact Person:** Wanda Wright email: wwright@azdvs.gov

**Agency/Organization Website link:** https://dvs.az.gov/