

## ABSTRACT: 2013 ELAM Institutional Action Project Poster Symposium

**Project Title:**

Development of 21st Century Clinical Center of Excellence in Women's Health

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**Background, Challenge or Opportunity:** University of South Florida Health includes the Morsani College of Medicine, the Colleges of Nursing, Public Health, Pharmacy, the School of Biomedical Sciences, and the School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences. Within these individual colleges, there are numerous faculty members involved in issues related to women's health; but little collaboration is being done across the colleges. In order to create a center of excellence in women's health, improved collaboration across colleges is essential.

**Purpose/Objectives:** Develop the foundation for a Center of Excellence in Women's Health that has a trans-disciplinary approach to issues related to women's health and utilizes 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies.

**Methods/Approach:** Preliminary steps of establishing programs for female faculty development and community outreach have already been undertaken. In order to move forward with more trans-disciplinary interaction, I created an advisory board involving key stakeholders from each of the colleges of health. We meet to further develop the direction that the Women's Health Collaborative would take. The advisory board developed a seed grant application to see if multi-disciplinary research collaboration could be encouraged. After receiving positive responses from leaders across health and ten grant applications the advisory group then felt that the next best step would be to create a fellowship in women's health. The goal of the program will be to develop academic leaders with interdisciplinary expertise and skills in clinical care, research, education, and advocacy in women's health. The program will work to develop and implement 21<sup>st</sup> Century features such as online courses, development of online resource for patients with summaries of current research on selected topics in women's health, web-based symposiums, and development of patient-centered, web-based symposiums. Through the work of the fellowship, the program leaders will create new avenues of collaboration through research, teaching and clinical care among the current faculty of USF Health. The program will also work through the Veteran's Administration to provide care and research on issues related to female veterans. Fellows will be from each of the five colleges/schools of USF Health and participate in a two-year fellowship. During their fellowship, they will work together on at least one research project that is related to either student or patient teaching and at least one project related to female military/ veteran issues. These fellows will lecture to master students in women's health and learn how to design course objectives, test questions, and student evaluations. Fellows, under the guidance of the faculty, will also produce webcasts for patients, students, and providers. Along with a certificate of completion, the fellows will also receive a doctoral cognate certificate, an MPH, or a Master's of Science.

**Outcomes and Evaluation:** Outcomes will be measured in terms of an increase research and publications that involve collaborators from more than one of the colleges of health. We will track the number of grants received, publications, and faculty positions obtained. We will also monitor the advancement of female faculty within USF who are actively involved in the program.

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