CPT Workshop
(Curricular Practical Training)
Office of International Students and Scholars (OISS)
Wayne State University

Presenter

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Employment Options for F-1 Students

- On-Campus
  Student Assistant
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- Off-Campus
  Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
  Optional Practical Training (OPT)

What’s to be Covered

- What is CPT and how does it differ from other forms of employment available to international students
- What types of CPT are available
- Who is eligible for CPT and what are the requirements
- Rules that must be followed while on CPT
- Causes for F-1 Termination
What is CPT?

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is defined as employment which is an *integral part of an established curriculum*, including: “alternate work/study, internship, cooperative education, or any other type of required internship or practicum which is offered by sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements with the school.” *Source: [8 CFR 214.2(f)(10)(i)].*

CPT

- CPT is temporary authorization for practical training **directly related to your academic program**.

- It can include regular *training*, internships (paid or unpaid), cooperative education, or any other type of required internship or practicum.

- Since it is considered to be part of your academic program, it must be completed **prior to the completion of your program**.
What types of CPT are there?

• Required by your degree program: The training is required as part of your core program requirements. Basically the department is mandating that you participate in order to obtain your degree.

• Integral part of the program: The training is not required as part of your core program requirements but is offered as elective credit toward your program requirements.

• Cooperative Education program: This is available to students selected to participate in WSU’s Cooperative Education Program.

Full-Time vs. Part-Time

• Full-Time: Defined as more than 20 hours per week.
  • You can work full time while on CPT, however you still need to maintain full-time enrollment. CPT does not substitute for your enrollment requirement.
  • Exceptions to the full-time enrollment may be made during the spring/summer semester.
  • If you work more than 11 months of full-time CPT you forfeit your eligibility for post completion Optional Practical Training.

• Part-Time: Defined as 20 hours per week or less.
  • Must maintain full-time enrollment.
  • There are no time limits on part-time CPT
**Students eligible for CPT:**

- Maintain valid F-1 Student status
- Are in a degree program, with a declared major
- Have completed at least one full academic year of full-time enrollment. Exceptions to this rule are granted for graduate programs that include immediate, mandatory, training.
- A internship offer, as CPT is granted based on employer and position
- Are enrolled for full-time course load

**Rules and other information for CPT:**

- CPT cannot delay your graduation
- CPT is approved per semester. If you require additional time beyond your current approved end date, you will need to re-apply with all new documentation.
- It is required that you submit a copy of the final report of your internship at the end of each semester. It must be signed and dated by your supervisor and professor.
- OISS cannot authorize CPT with a start date in the past. Completed paperwork and documents must be presented to OISS no later than 7 business days before employment begins.
Rules and other information for CPT (cont’d):

• OISS must authorize the CPT before employment can begin.

• Students on CPT, transferring out of WSU, can continue their employment until the transfer release date. The new school will need to authorize any further CPT.

• English Language Institute students are not eligible for CPT.

• Health insurance coverage must be maintained while on CPT.

• If you apply for CPT in your last semester, you must also be enrolled in at least one degree-required course in addition to your internship credit.

Rules and other information for CPT (cont’d):

• You must be enrolled for the internship credit.

• If you are in your last semester and are considering CPT, you must complete the CPT application/approval process before beginning the OPT process.

• CPT is employer specific. You are only approved to work at the company listed on your I-20.

• You can only be approved for one CPT position at a time.
Rules and other information for CPT (cont’d):

• Being academically and semester based, you may not begin CPT before the first class day of the semester, and it must end no later than the last day of the regular term.

• For the same reason, CPT cannot be authorized after the academic drop/add period has ended. The last day for CPT authorization each semester is identified on the Registrar’s website as the Census Date/Enrollment Confirmation Deadline and is calculated as the 10th day of each term.

Rules and other information for CPT (cont’d):

• If you intend to change employer after the semester’s drop/add period has ended, you will need to submit the following to OISS as well as complete another CPT application.
  • Final Report from current CPT
  • Letter of completion/internship report from current supervisor
  • Letter from academic advisor/department addressing the academic nature of the new CPT.
  • Updated Plan of Work with new internship credit added.
  • Letter of offer from the new employer with nature of work to be done.
  • Proof of enrollment in the new internship class.
**Cause(s) for Immediate F-1 Status Termination**

- If documents submitted to OISS are found to be altered or fake
- Working without proper approval
- Working outside of the approved dates stated on your I-20

**Applying for CPT**

1. Meet with your Academic Advisor, Graduate Advisor, or Career Services to discuss appropriate employment opportunities.

2. Find an internship, co-op, practicum, clinical position, etc.

3. Complete CPT Recommendation Form – Section A. (available from the OISS website)

4. [Complete on-line CPT Training Module](#)

5. Have your Academic Advisor, Graduate Advisor, or Career Services Counselor complete the CPT Recommendation Form – Section B
Applying for CPT (cont’d)

5. Visit an OISS advisor with the following documentation:

- CPT Recommendation Form
- Current Plan of Work, with internship included
- Proof of enrollment
- Valid Passport
- Current I-94
- Current I-20
- Official Letter of Offer (see next page)

Applying for CPT (cont’d)

- The Official Letter of offer must be on the employer’s official letterhead and include:
  - Job Title
  - Employment Start and End Dates
  - Wage/Salary Info
  - Number of Hours per week
  - Full address of employer
  - Description of training program
  - Supervisor’s full contact info
  - Signed – Student’s Statement of Responsibility
  - Signed – Employer’s Statement of Responsibility
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Student's Statement of Responsibility for CPT-Curricular Practical Training

While on CPT, you are still a F-1 student status. Accordingly, you must continue to follow the rules and regulations governing F-1 status and report required changes to the OIS.

1. I understand that I must provide a reason approved Plan of Work (PW) with satisfactory grades. The information included in the Plan of Work is required for both credit and non-credit placements.
2. I understand that I am eligible to work only during the dates indicated in the OIS advising as indicated on the page 3 of 2.0 hours.
3. I understand that I may work only for the employer indicated on page 1 of my 2.0 hours.
4. I understand that if I wish to extend on CPT, I must receive an approval recommendation from the OIS, and then I must provide documentation to the employer of the approval of CPT extension with OIS. If not, I must stop working on the site indicated on my 2.0 hours on page 3. Failure to do so may result in legal consequences for the US.
5. I understand that my passport must be valid at the time of CPT authorization and it is the responsibility to maintain the passport validity through the duration of my F-1 status.
6. I understand that I am responsible for maintaining legal insurance coverage for myself and any dependents while engaging in CPT.
7. I understand that if I plan on applying for CPT as my last semester, I must have at least two remaining degrees, required courses, and appropriate work experience to be eligible for a Part-Time CPT and must not be enrolled in CPT eligibility.
8. I understand that I must submit an advising report to OIS at the end of the current semester for which I am approved for the CPT.
9. I understand that if I stop working on-campus (including Telecommuting/Off-Campus), I will have the option of terminating my training. If I resign part-time or full-time in-curricular CPT authorization.
10. I understand that the documents submitted for CPT authorization will be subject to review by OIS and that submission of false information will result in the immediate termination of your F-1 status.
11. I understand that I must verify that evidence in the international student program appears in CPT on or after 9.20. Violation of this policy will result in the immediate termination of your F-1 status.
12. I understand that I must submit an advising report to OIS at the end of the current semester for which I am approved for the CPT.
13. I understand that because CPT must meet academic requirements at the college for its approval, the training must begin prior to the first day of the semester, and must include the entire training period for the credit internship course. CPT cannot be extended after the calendar week in which the period has ended.
14. I understand that if I receive a change of employer after the semester end date period has ended, I may not extend the approved document for OIS to authorize any request.

Student First Name: _______________________________ Last Name: _______________________________
Student Signature: ___________________________________________
Typed Date: ____________

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Employee's Statement of Responsibility for CPT

For the Curricular Practical Training (CPT), the employee must agree to the following requirements:

- To provide an offer letter (or a supplemental letter) that includes the following information regarding the F-1 student's internship:
  - Description of the training program, including location, the name, phone number, and email address of the principal, number of hours per week, and dates of employment. The data must match the information submitted.
  - Dates and duration of the internship.
  - Statement acknowledging that the student is an international student and states to the student's major field of study and that an integrated or related part of the student's program.
  - This letter must be on company letterhead and signed and dated by the Supervisor or Human Resources Department.
- To provide a professional quality educational internship work experience for students accepted to intern with the employer.
- To offer a position that is an acceptable practical training program of limited duration whose primary function is to supplement the student's academic program; providing hands-on supervised work experience.
- To ensure full-time continuous employment and understand that it is not appropriate to permit for Curricular Practical Training authorization.
- To provide a report at the end of the summer or period to the OIS advising office.
- To report to OIS infom@wayne.edu within 48 hours of the employment is terminated before the CPT

I acknowledge that I am responsible for reporting the above-mentioned requirements to the Wayne State University Office of International Students and Scholars as specified in the information above.

Employee/Supervisor's Name (Please): _______________________________
Signature: _______________________________
Date: ____________

Address: _______________________________
City: _______________________________
State: _______________________________
Zip Code: _______________________________
Phone Number: _______________________________
Fax: _______________________________
Email: _______________________________
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Final Approval

- Approval is recommended by the academic advisor and final approval by an OISS advisor before student can begin working

Things to Remember

- No CPT on Maintenance Status (PhD Students)
- CPT for WSU internship (If you find an internship position)
- CPT and On campus student positions (Can’t do both)
- CPT 20 hrs. and on campus 20 hrs.- Not during Fall and Winter Semester.
For More Information...

- Visit our website at http://www.oiss.wayne.edu
- Meet with an advisor during AOC hours or make an appointment

QUESTIONS.....