



F-1 CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT)

GRADUATE Students

Family/Last Name:	Given/First Name:
Student ID Number:	Drexel Email:

CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING (CPT):

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) allows F-1 students to engage in employment as long as it is an integral part of their curriculum. This employment includes: *cooperative education*, or any other *type of required internship or practicum* that is offered by sponsoring employers through cooperative agreements with the school. In particular, according to the federal regulations (8 CFR, §214.2 (f)) "CPT is a type of employment authorization which permits international students with **F-1 visa status** to fulfill their degree program requirement. It is important to understand that CPT is 'an integral part of an established curriculum' (214.2)." This means that CPT is not voluntary.

PREREQUISITES:

- Practical training must be an integral part of the curriculum and must be required by the academic program.
- Student must be receiving course credit throughout the CPT period.
- CPT must fulfill a specific academic objective. If an employment opportunity is solely sought because it is beneficial, relevant, or excellent professional/personal experience it does **NOT** qualify for CPT.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

- Student must maintain full time enrollment of course credits during CPT, which includes co-op credits.
- Student must receive the Registration Agreement form signed by the Steinbright Career Development Center prior to submitting it to the ISSS office *if in a required graduate co-op(GCOP) program*. If not in the GCOP program, then the student must obtain the appropriate approval from department/advisor and submit to ISSS for review.
- **Student must obtain I-20 work authorization by ISSS prior to the beginning of employment.**

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGMENT (To be reviewed by the student):

- I understand that I must fill out the form completely and clearly with the employer's information before submitting to ISSS.
- I understand that my CPT participation must fulfill a specific academic objective.
- I understand that my CPT start date must be consistent with the University's official term start date and **must not** exceed the next term start date.
- I understand that when there is an early training requirement, I need a written explanation from my employer in order to have an early CPT employment start date.
- I understand that any CPT employment end date adjustment must be approved in writing first. Upon approval, ISSS will proceed with further adjustment.
- I understand that if I participate in full-time co-op for more than **364 days** in the United States, I will not be eligible to apply for any OPT at current degree level.
- I understand that my authorization is limited to the employment as outlined in this agreement.
- I understand that I must update ISSS of any employment interruptions and/or changes within three business days while on CPT.
- I understand that ISSS may request additional information at any time during the CPT application process.
- I understand that ISSS requires a minimum of three business days to review and authorize my CPT request.

STUDENT'S SIGNATURE:

By signing/typing my name below I verify that I understand the above rules and regulations pertaining to my CPT authorization and I confirm that I will consult with ISSS if I am unclear about my rights and the requirements pertaining to my employment options.

Student Signature: _____

Today's Date: ____/____/____ (mm/dd/yy)