

F-1 Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Student Form

Purpose of Form: This form must be completed by all F-1 students requesting International Student Services (ISS) authorization for CPT. Please complete this entire form and submit it along with the additional required documents in the checklist below to the ISS office. Our contact information is listed above.

What is Curricular Practical Training (CPT)?

- CPT is work authorization for F-1 international students to receive further training that is designed to achieve an established academic objective and is directly related to your degree level and major. Federal regulations permit a student to engage in CPT that is an integral part or planned option in the student's curriculum. CPT includes internships and cooperative education.
- CPT authorization is dependent upon the student being academically eligible and the employment meeting federal government regulations. This means a student must have been enrolled full-time and in valid status and on the same SEVIS number for at least 1 academic year.
- F-1 students must apply for CPT if they intend to work off-campus as an integral part or planned option of their established curriculum prior to completion of their academic program whether or not they will receive any form of payment or compensation.
- A student authorized for CPT may only be employed by a specific employer, at a specific location and for specific dates as approved by ISS. Any changes in the employment (i.e. employer, location, dates of employment) require a new CPT application. The student must resubmit a new application to ISS and wait for a newly issued I-20 in order to continue employment. Refer to the ISS CPT webpage for additional information and access to all CPT forms: <http://iss.tamu.edu/Current-Students/F-1-Status/Curricular-Practical-Training>.

Deadline(s): ISS authorization must be granted on a new Form I-20 before the student may begin CPT employment. ISS processing times are 5 to 10 business days from the time the student's application for CPT is complete.

Required Steps Checklist: In order to submit a complete application for CPT, take the following actions:

- ☐ If an internship is not required of all degree candidates in the academic program, the student must earn at least 1 hour of course credit for each semester in which they engage in CPT. Review the checklist below for additional information.
- ☐ The student must have enrolled in the course(s) for which they will earn CPT credit before ISS can authorize the CPT. The credit(s) must be earned during the semester in which the CPT will occur.
- ☐ If the student will not enroll full-time during the CPT, either during a major semester (Fall or Spring) or their graduating semester (including Summer), they may obtain full-time certification from the Office of the Registrar in order to maintain the full-time enrollment requirements of F-1 student status. This request is initiated by the academic department.
- ☐ Sponsored students must contact their sponsor to ensure that the application for CPT does not violate the conditions of their sponsorship.

Submit the following documents to ISS:

- ☐ F-1 CPT Student Form (this form), available at <http://iss.tamu.edu/Current-Students/F-1-Status/Curricular-Practical-Training>
- ☐ F-1 CPT Department Form, available at <http://iss.tamu.edu/Current-Students/F-1-Status/Curricular-Practical-Training>
- ☐ F-1 CPT Employer Form, available at <http://iss.tamu.edu/Current-Students/F-1-Status/Curricular-Practical-Training>
- ☐ An official, signed job offer letter on company letterhead

1. Student Last Name: _____ Student First Name: _____

2. UIN: _____

3. Employer Name: _____

4. Physical Address of Employment Location: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

5. Job Title: _____

6. Requested CPT Start Date: _____ Requested CPT End Date: _____

Please note that this form continues onto a second page.

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This entire form must be completed by the F-1 student requesting CPT authorization.

7. If you intend to work on CPT in a paid position, you will need a Social Security Number (SSN). If you do not have an SSN, ISS will provide you with a Social Security letter that you can take, along with your completed SSN application, to the Social Security Administration office for further processing.

Do you need a Social Security letter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Statements of Understanding:

- I have been enrolled full-time, in valid status, and been on the same SEVIS number for at least 1 academic year prior to completing this application.
- I will only work between the start and end dates indicated on the third page of the CPT I-20. If I engage in employment prior to receiving my newly issued I-20 or work beyond the authorized end date, I will be in direct violation of the F-1 program and my SEVIS record will be subject to termination. This will result in loss of the CPT authorization and I will be required to exit the U.S. and reenter on a new form I-20.
- During the major semesters (fall and spring), I am not permitted to work on-campus in addition to working off-campus with my CPT authorization. During annual vacations (winter, spring and summer break), I am permitted to work on-campus full-time in addition to working off-campus with my CPT authorization.
- I will update my "Student Local Mailing" address in the Howdy Portal within 10 days of moving.
- I will stop working if there are any changes to my employer or any of my employment information, such as my address of employment, until ISS has updated my I-20.
- I will inform ISS in writing if my employment ends prior to the CPT authorization end date.
- The course credit for this CPT is an integral part of planned option for my degree as explained on page 1 of this form.
- I will be automatically enrolled in the Texas A&M System Health Insurance Plan unless I apply and am approved for a waiver by submitting proof of the employer provided health insurance. This must be done prior to the waiver deadline published on the ISS website. Please follow the submission instructions on the ISS website.
- If I will not enroll full-time during the CPT, either during a major semester (Fall or Spring) or during my graduating semester (including Summer), I will obtain full-time certification from the Office of the Registrar in order to maintain the full-time enrollment requirements of my F-1 student status. This request is initiated by my academic department.
- If I am a sponsored student, I will contact my sponsor to ensure that my application for CPT does not violate the conditions of my sponsorship.
- I understand that failure to follow F-1 regulations and the above statements could result in the termination of my F-1 status.

My signature confirms that the information provided on this form is true and accurate and that I read and understand the Statements of Understanding listed above.

Failure to comply with F-1 CPT policies could result in termination of my F-1 status.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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