CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING

Definition
CPT “must be an integral part of an established curriculum.” It allows a lawful F-1 student to engage in “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.” A student may choose to receive wages or academic credit for this experience.

Eligibility Requirements CPT
- Students must be in lawful F-1 status at the time of the application.
- Students must complete one academic year as full-time students before they become eligible for CPT unless your academic program requires immediate participation for all students.

Application Procedures
1. Original job offer letter on (company letterhead) from the proposed employer that includes the following information:
   a. Place of employment
   b. Location
   c. Job description
   d. Number of hours per week; and
   e. Beginning and ending dates of employment
2. Academic advisor's recommendation certifying that the “alternate work/study, internship, cooperative education” is a required/strongly recommended experience of the field of study.

All documents must be submitted to the Office of International Students & Scholars in person and/or by e-mail to: issoff@etal.uri.edu.

Important Information
- You may engage in Curricular Practical Training only after you have obtained permission from the office of International Students & Scholars.
- All CPT employment must be completed before graduation.
- You must maintain full course of study or its equivalent while on CPT.
- CPT employment must be performed for the specific employer, location and period listed on the I-20.
- You may engage in CPT part time (20 hrs or less) or full time (over 20 hrs).
- There is no cumulative maximum for CPT, however, if you complete twelve (12) months or more of full time CPT, you will NOT be eligible for Optional Practical Training (OPT).
- CPT will only be granted for one semester at a time.
- To be eligible for CPT during the Final Term-You must be enrolled. If you are enrolled part-time because you do not need a full course load to complete your remaining degree requirements, you must submit a Reduced Course Load Form (RCL) to the International Center.

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