

CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING

DEFINITION OF CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING

CPT is 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 experience in their field of study.” A student may choose to receive wages or academic credit for this experience.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING

- ❑ Undergraduate students must complete 9 consecutive months as full-time students before they become eligible for CPT.
- ❑ Graduate students are eligible whenever it is required in their program.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Submit a job offer letter to the International Student Advisor from the proposed employer that includes the following information: place of employment, location, job description, number of hours, and the beginning and ending dates of employment.
2. Submit CPT form from the academic advisor certifying that the “alternate work/study, internship, cooperative education” is a required experience of the field of study.
3. Complete form I-538, section A.
4. Submit all documents to the International Student advisor with your current 1-20.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ❑ You may engage in Curricular Practical Training only after you have obtained permission from our office.
- ❑ You may engage in CPT part time or full time for an unlimited period of time, **however**, if you complete twelve (12) months or more of full time Curricular Practical Training, you will **NOT** be eligible for Optional Practical Training after graduation.

NOTE: You may keep this handout with you for future reference. If you would like more information please call our office at 401-874-2395, to make an appointment with the advisor.