F-1 Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

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Agenda

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• Eligibility Requirements
• Application Process
• Career & Professional Development
• Question & Answer Session
CPT Overview

CPT is an off-campus internship authorization for F-1 students that must, or have an option to, complete an internship course in order to graduate.

CPT is different than OPT (Optional Practical Training).

If you use 12 months of full-time CPT, you will not be eligible for post-OPT or STEM OPT Extension.
CPT Eligibility Requirements

You must maintain F-1 status for one academic year in your current degree program.

The internship must be an integral part of an established curriculum and **meet one of the following requirements:**

1) Internship is required for ALL candidates and receive academic credit.

2) Internship is a planned option established early on and not added to accommodate employment opportunity – must appear on iPOS or DARS to receive academic credit.
CPT Eligibility Requirements

Both the department and employer must certify that the internship course/employment meets CPT eligibility requirements and criteria.

You must work for the specific employer, location, and dates as approved by ISSC.

You must be enrolled full time while on CPT unless the internship occurs during the summer, the last semester of your degree program, and/or another ISSC approved exception to the full-course-of-study requirement for immigration purposes.
CPT Application Process

Contact your academic advisor first to go over possible CPT options. The ISSC will process your request after you have started the process with your department.

You may apply once you are fully enrolled in your necessary classes and the internship course. There is no deadline, however, allow the ISSC approximately 10 days to process your request – please plan ahead!
CPT Application Process

Submit CPT application materials to the ISSC – **eForm on its way**!

CPT applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. You may receive an email or call from the ISSC for additional requirements or immigration advisement.

You should **begin CPT employment** on the start date listed on your I-20. Your employer will likely request documents from you, including your CPT I-20, passport, I-94, and social security card. Every employer has their own policies, so please follow their instructions.
Career & Professional Development Services

**Handshake** is ASU’s Career Development platform.

- Schedule appointments with Career Advisors
- Resume, Cover Letter, and Interview Preparation
- Find internship opportunities

Get started at asu.joinhandshake.com
Student Job Fairs

**Tempe**
- Wednesday, August 16
  - 12 – 3 p.m.
  - Sun Devil Fitness Complex (SDFC)
  - Green, Maroon & Gold Gyms

**Downtown Phoenix**
- Friday, August 18
  - 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
  - A.E. England Building (AEEB)

**Polytechnic**
- Monday, August 21
  - 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
  - Student Union (UNION)
  - Cooley Ballrooms

**West**
- Tuesday, August 29
  - 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.
  - University Center (UCB)
  - La Sala Ballrooms
Thank You!