

Additional Information about CPT

CPT: <https://www.ice.gov/sevis/practical-training>

1. CPT is integral to your major and the experience must be part of your program of study.
 2. When you enroll at the graduate level, your designated school official (DSO) may authorize CPT during your first semester if your program requires this type of experience. Ask your DSO for details.
 3. Your DSO will provide you a new Form I-20, "Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Student Status," that shows that the DSO has approved you for this employment.
 4. You can work on CPT either full-time or part-time.
 5. CPT requires a signed cooperative agreement or a letter from your employer.
 6. If you have 12 months or more of full-time CPT, you are ineligible for OPT, but part-time CPT is fine and will not stop you from doing OPT.
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- CPT can be part-time (20 hours a week or less) or full-time (more than 20 hours a week).
 - If you are authorized for part-time CPT, any on-campus employment, and your CPT together cannot amount to over 20 hours of work a week, while school is in session.
 - If you are authorized for full-time CPT, you should not have any additional on-campus employment, while school is in session.
 - CPT is designed to provide work experience directly related and integral to a student's degree of study.
 - Traditional volunteer work (e.g. at a church, a soup kitchen, a homeless shelter) does not require CPT.