

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

If F-1 visa holders would like to engage in off-campus internships in the United States, they must be authorized and be issued a CPT-approved I-20 before they start working!

CPT vs. OPT





internship co-op practicum training part-time/full-time job upon graduation

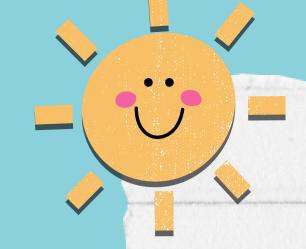


CPT vs. On-campus

Any international student **can** work **oncampus** for SUNY Oswego during their degree without any authorization.

However, some on-campus positions may require you to submit some documents.

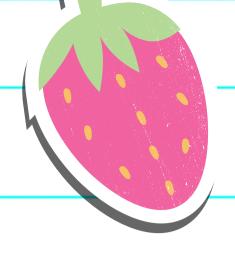
When in doubt, reach out to us at isss@oswego.edu!



CPT vs. Voluntering

True volunteer work is donating your time to an organization whose primary purpose is charitable or humanitarian, without remuneration (pay) or any other type of compensation.

It does **NOT** require CPT authorization and it is **NOT** the same as an unpaid internship!



Internship/co-op/training must be:



Curricular
(meaning for academic credit);

Conditions for CPT

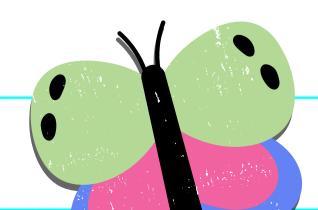
per immigration regulations- part 1.

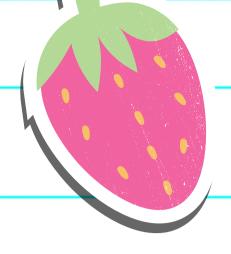


And "an integral part of an established curriculum;"



And directly related to your major degree program





CPT applicants must:



Be enrolled in at least one full academic year

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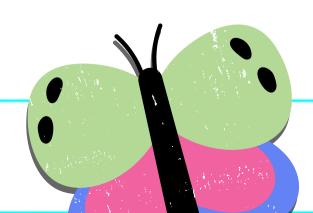
per immigration regulations & institutional policy



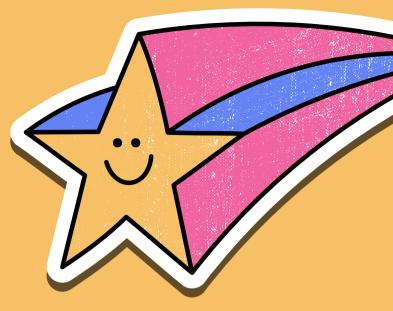
Be in a junior class status or higher or a graduate student



Meet the minimum GPA requirement (excel@oswego.edu)

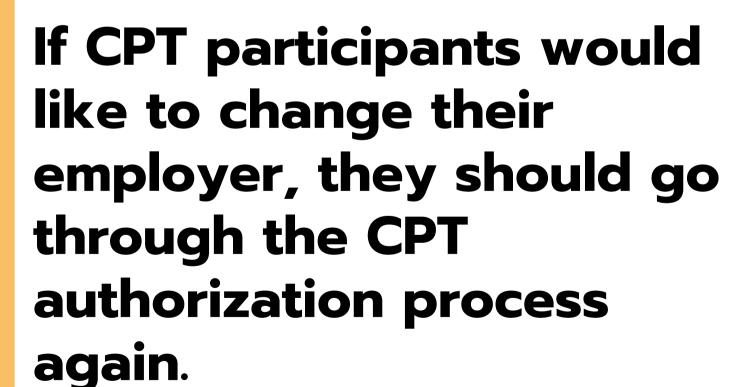


CPT is employer-specific! <

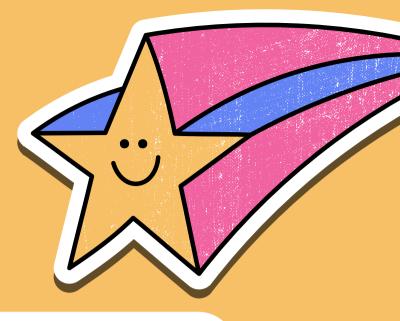




CPT students may engage in CPT only for the approved employer for the approved period on the I-20



Important CPT rules!



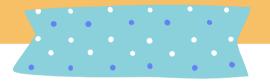


Hours: can be full-time or part-time

Payment: can be paid or unpaid



On campus employment + CPT work hours should be < 20 hours while school is in session



Student must continue to maintain full course of study during CPT (UG: 12, GR: 9)

Application process:

Go to www.oswego.edu/international/cpt and complete the CPT Eligibility Form

Students who meet the eligibility will be invited to the CPT Portal to complete the CPT process





Who do you need to work with for CPT authorization

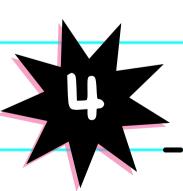




Supervisor/ Employer

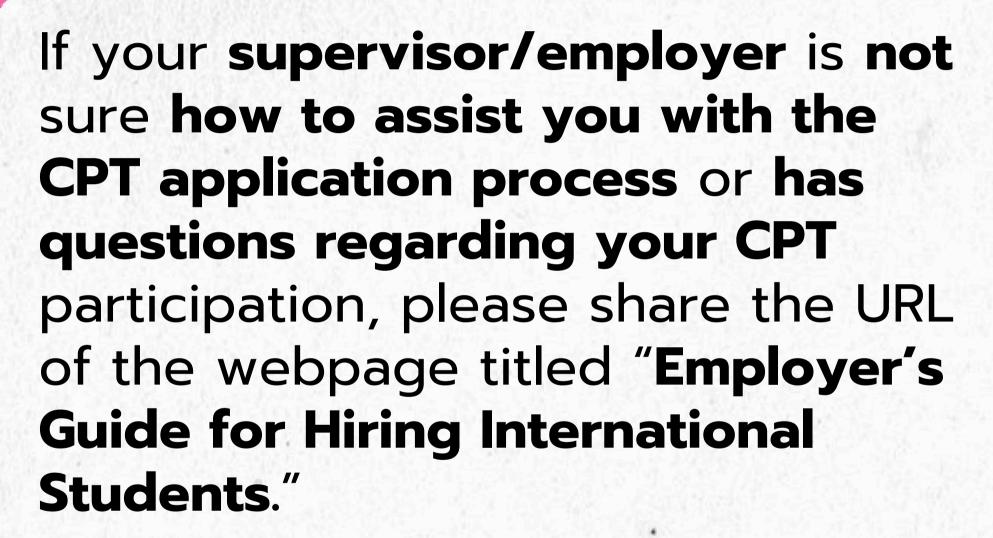


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