Curricular Practical Training for F-1 Visa Students

February 2014
Curricular Practical Training vs. OPT

CPT

- Approved by Int’l Center
- No filing fee
- Before graduation
- Need job before applying
- Must enroll in internship class

OPT

- Approved by DHS
- Filing fee ($380)
- Before or after graduation
- No job required to apply
- No enrollment
CPT Eligibility

- Good academic standing (GPA)
- Valid F-1 visa status
- Completed 1 academic year full-time enrollment
- Have a paid or non-paid internship opportunity related to your current major
CPT Enrollment Required

- Requires full-time enrollment during academic term
- Part-time enrollment allowed during summer
- Enroll in CoOp or Internship class. **NOT** Special Problems, Independent Study, or Thesis
- Academic advisor reviews job and verifies it meets requirements for internship class
CPT Process

1. Meet with Judy to determine eligibility
2. Obtain letter of offer from the company
3. Show offer letter to academic advisor
CPT Process

4. Advisor sends e-mail to Judy stating that internship meets qualifications of class

5. Enroll in internship or CoOp class

6. Make an appointment with Judy for CPT authorization
Impact of CPT on OPT Eligibility

- If you are authorized for 12 months or more of full-time CPT, you are ineligible for any OPT at your current degree level

- Part-time CPT does not count against eligibility for OPT
Proof of eligibility to do CPT.

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- Saturdays, Feb 1 – Mar 15, 2014
- 10:30am – 2:00pm
- Building 3, 2nd Floor
- Bring W-2 Forms and SSN
- Call (805)756-2667 for more information
H-1B Work Visa Seminar

Presented by:

Adam Green
Immigration Attorney

April 17, 2014
5:10pm – 6:30pm
Building 38, Room 114
Contacts and Online Help

- **Web page:** [international.calpoly.edu](http://international.calpoly.edu)
  - Click International Students  > Work Authorization

- **Judy Mitchell**
  - International Student Advisor
  - Approves and recommends all work authorization
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