Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

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1. Register for and attend a **MANDATORY** CPT Information Session.
   - You can register and find dates on Handshake.
   - **YOU MUST ATTEND A SESSION BEFORE SUBMITTING YOUR CPT E-FORM REQUEST! (SUMMER ONLY)**

2. At the **MANDATORY CPT Information Session**, you will learn how to submit your CPT e-form request to OIE online through your MyOIE Portal Account.
   - You must submit **ALL** of the required documents online through your MyOIE Portal account.
   - Instructions for the MyOIE Portal can be found on the OIE website.

3. OIE will issue a new I-20 within 10 business days of your CPT online submission through your MyOIE Portal account.
   - This new I-20 will include your off-campus work authorization (page 2) and a new travel signature.
   - **YOU CANNOT BEGIN WORKING UNTIL YOUR CPT IS AUTHORIZED BY OIE AND YOU HAVE YOUR CPT I-20 IN HAND.**
Here’s What You Need To Submit

1. **Offer Letter**
   - Should be *only* 1 to 2 pages in length for OIE!
   - Below must be circled or underlined in your offer letter:
     - Employer Name
     - Employer Address
     - # of Hours per week
     - Start and End Dates

2. **Proof of Summer Enrollment from SIO**
3. **Copy of your most recent I-94 Record** *(NOT THE TRAVEL HISTORY!)*
4. **CPT Academic Advisor Recommendation Form**

*Online submission of CPT materials **DOES NOT** mean that your CPT is approved!*
The Job Offer Letter **MUST** Have:

- Start AND End-Date of employment
- Number of hours per week OR if the job is full-time (if part-time, the # of hours should be listed)
- Employer address with zip code
- Job title and brief position description
Advisor CPT Recommendation Form

MUST Have Academic Advisor/Program Coordinator’s Signature!

Write your name and AndrewID, and then give this form to your academic advisor/coordinate.
Attach this to your eForm CPT Request!
Must be registered for an "Internship" or "Practicum" course.
MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL THE DOCUMENTS BELOW!

1. **Offer Letter**
   - Only 1 to 2 pages in length with ALL required information!

2. **Proof of Summer Enrollment from SIO**

3. **I-94 Record**

4. **Advisor CPT Recommendation Form**
Here’s What You Will Get From OIE…

**EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATIONS**

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This new I-20 is your work authorization!
CPT I-20

- You **MUST** have the CPT I-20 **BEFORE** beginning employment.

- CPT **CANNOT** be backdated.
Adding to your I-20 “collection”

- CPT I-20 is your new I-20
- Valid even after internship dates
- KEEP ALL I-20s!
- Needed for OPT
Collecting CPT I-20

- You will receive an email to your Andrew email account once your CPT I-20 has been processed.
- The email will have options on how you can obtain your CPT I-20.

*New I-20 Documents cannot be scanned or emailed.*
Travel During Summer 2019?

- New CPT I-20 will be signed for travel
  - *Signatures are good for 12-months*
- *IF* you have to renew your visa – you could face a visa delay! *Plan travel accordingly!*
  - Before internship begins...
  - Before the start of classes in August...
Re-Entry and I-94

- If you travel outside of the U.S.– be sure to check your electronic I-94 record after you re-enter
- Don’t worry about travel history section
- Employer needs valid I-94 for payment

https://i94.cbp.dhs.gov/I94/#/home
Remember...

- Update address in **SIO** if you will be relocating for your work.
- Remember to update SIO AGAIN when you return to Pittsburgh!
Social Security Number (SSN)

- You cannot apply more than 30 days before the start date of your internship.
  - Use CPT I-20 to apply for an SSN
  - Apply anywhere in the US!
    - Card mailed in 7-10 days
      - Keep in safe place!
  - SSN is not work authorization
    - You can start work without it.
  - OIE guide to getting an SSN
Want to work beyond end date listed on your CPT I-20?

- No CPT...must apply for [Pre-Completion OPT](#)
  - Application approved by USCIS ($410 Fee)
  - Will take 3 to 5 months for approval – PLAN TO APPLY IN ADVANCE!!
  - **NO WORK** until approved & EAD card received
  - Session NOT required
OIE Web Resources
Posner Hall, 1st Floor
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