

Wentworth

INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

F-1 International Students

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Curricular Practical Training Instructions

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) employment authorization is a benefit of F-1 Student non-immigrant status that allows students to participate in off campus employment that is directly related to their degree and is either required or for credit, such as the mandatory co-op experience. CPT is also used for paid, full-time on campus employment for an authorized co-op experience. It is employer and date specific, meaning you will be authorized to work only for your co-op employer and only for the dates on your co-op contract.

Eligibility

To be eligible for CPT you must be in valid F-1 Student status and have maintained F-1 status for at least one academic year immediately before applying. You must also have a co-op job that is approved by your Co-op & Career Advisor and employer supervisor and you must be registered for the applicable co-op course.

When to apply for CPT

You should apply for CPT to your International Student Advisor as soon as your co-op work has been confirmed and your online co-op agreement (Report of Hire) has been approved by your co-op employer and your Co-op & Career Advisor. Please allow at least 5 business days for your application to be processed.

Please take this timeframe into account when you fill in the dates of your co-op on your Report of Hire.

Change of Address

It is a requirement of F-1 Student status that you notify your International Student Advisor within 10 days of any change in your U.S. or home country address. This includes if you move for a co-op job. Address changes must be reported in writing and can be done by email or by filling out an International Student Information Update Form at the Student Service Center.

Social Security Number (SSN)

Please note you may not begin working until you have applied for a Social Security Number. You must inform your employer of your SSN upon receipt of the card.

- ☐ Check here if you already have a SSN
- ☐ Check here if you need to apply for a SSN

How to Apply/Timeline

STEP 1: Meet with your Co-op & Career Advisor to discuss your co-op search, learn about the process, and obtain access to WITworks.

STEP 2: Search for and accept an offer for a co-op job and have it approved online through WITworks by your Co-op & Career Advisor and employer

STEP 3: Submit your WITWorks Report of Hire and the completed and signed supplemental co-op approval form to International Student Services **at least 5 business days before the start date on your co-op contract**.

STEP 4: Contact your International Student Advisor to review your new Form I-20 authorizing CPT.

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Supplemental Co-op Approval Form for F-1 International Students

Allow a minimum of 5 business days for processing of this application before beginning Co-op employment.

Please complete application neatly in pen.

First name _____ Last name _____

Wentworth ID _____ Major _____

Which co-op is being completed? (check one)

☐ COOP3500 (1st required co-op)

☐ COOP4500 (2nd required co-op)

☐ COOP6500 (Master's required coop)

Local Address: _____

You must report any change in your local address to your International Student Advisor within 10 days of the change.

Employer (complete (Company that will be paying you, must match WITworks) company name) _____

Employer address _____

Employer city _____ Employer state _____

Employer country _____ Employer zip code _____

Co-op start date* _____ Co-op end date* _____

☐ Check here if the co-op is with a non-US based employer, taking place completely outside of the United States.

In what semester will you be completing your Wentworth degree?

___ Fall ___ Spring ___ Summer 20___

(Check one)

* These dates must be exact. Any changes to the start or end date must be approved by your Co-op & Career Advisor and by International Student Services.

I understand that failure to receive appropriate work authorization in the form of a CPT approved I-20 through my International Student Advisor prior to reporting to my first day of work with my co-op employer is a violation of F-1 Student immigration regulations. I further understand that if I violate my status, my SEVIS record may be terminated promptly by Wentworth, that immigration regulations may require me to leave the U.S. right away and that other additional immigration penalties will apply.

Student name (print)

Student Signature

Date