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Curricular Practical Training (CPT): Internship/Practicum and Co-op Information for F-1 Students

What is Curricular Practical Training?

The Department of Homeland Security authorizes practical work experience under certain circumstances for international students. Curricular Practical Training (CPT) allows for training that is *required* for a degree program or *optional but integral* to a degree program.

DIS courses. UNF offers two basic options for CPT: internship/practicum or Co-op, which may be paid or unpaid.

Who is eligible for CPT?

International students must meet two criteria in order to participate in CPT:

1. **SEVIS eligibility:** Students must have been enrolled full-time for a minimum of one academic year. Graduate students who are required to begin CPT in their first year of study are exempted from the one academic year requirement.
2. **Academic eligibility:** A student must have completed a minimum of one semester of college-level coursework before beginning a CPT experience. Students must register for an internship/practicum or Co-op course (typically consisting of one to three credit hours) and pay the appropriate

