

CPT Checklist for Graduate Student Application

IMPORTANT: Applications cannot be submitted or processed until the earliest date listed on our website for the upcoming semester. Please check the deadline also since no late applications can be accepted.

- Copy of your current I-20** containing up-to-date and correct information. Make sure the major/level of study, source of funding (cannot be from CPT employment), and program completion date are accurate. To make any corrections to your I-20, you must submit a Green Sheet, Status Extension, or Change of Program Level form prior to or at the same time as submitting your CPT application; this will require extra processing days.
- CPT Application** (below) fully completed, with **original signatures** from **student and department.**
- Statement of Acknowledgement** form (below) with your **original signature.**
- Original job offer letter, on official company letterhead with actual signature from employer.**

Your department (and the LSU Olinde Career Center if applicable) must approve the job details before you apply to our office, so please make sure that you provide a copy of the letter to them as well.

No faxes or email attachments can be accepted if they do not come directly to IS from the employer. If your employer only provides electronic offer letters, they will need to email it directly to isoemp@lsu.edu. See sample job offer letter. You must work during the entire period of CPT authorization as determined by your job offer letter.

Employer letter must contain:

- a) Company name as officially listed on business documents or in E-Verify
- b) Specific start and end dates of job offer (see requirements below)*
- c) Complete physical address of employment
- d) Number of hours student will work each week
- e) Student's job title
- f) Description of job duties

* The **start date** of the job offer must be within the listed range for the upcoming semester.

* The **end date** of the job offer must be within the listed range for the upcoming semester. If you will **graduate in this upcoming CPT semester**, employment must end no later than the official graduation date.

If you will be **registered "Degree Only" for the upcoming semester** you are not eligible for CPT.

Your CPT will not be approved if the dates on your job letter do not meet requirements listed above.

- Either:
 - A. **Register** for a course requiring internship, if the basis for your CPT application is a course for credit.
 - or- B. **Obtain** an internship code (ITN for full-time, or CEP for part-time) from the LSU Olinde Career Center. This must be loaded into the LSU system by the LSU Olinde Career Center before your CPT application is submitted to IS.
- Complete registration:** LSU Bursar Operations lists **the first day to register and pay fees** on their website, which is also shown on our CPT page as the date that processing will begin. Early CPT Applications will not be accepted. Actual CPT processing begins no earlier than the date fee bills are released; at that time, the 10 day processing period for CPT begins, after you complete formal registration for the upcoming semester.
- An additional letter of departmental support** is necessary if you have **already completed** all course work requirements (excluding thesis/dissertation research hours) before beginning this CPT employment. If all coursework has been completed, the only employment that qualifies for CPT authorization is work **integral** to the completion of your thesis, dissertation, or final project. Prior to applying for CPT you **must** register in a minimum of 1-3 research credit hours for this semester **and** you must **submit** a separate letter from your major professor indicating that your participation in off-campus CPT employment is an "integral part" of your thesis, dissertation, or final project.
- Submit all your application materials to International Services, 101 Hatcher Hall before the CPT deadline listed on our website for the upcoming semester. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

By the CPT deadline, all required documentation must be submitted and final registration must be completed (all fees must be paid for the upcoming semester and enrollment officially confirmed through LSU Bursar / PAWS). **Late or incomplete applications cannot be processed.** Allow at least 10 business days for processing before your requested start date, from the date we receive all materials. We cannot entertain requests for expedited service. **Note: You are not authorized to begin working unless and until this application is approved by our office and you have picked up your CPT authorization I-20 from our office.**

CURRICULAR PRACTICAL TRAINING: GRAD STUDENT APPLICATION

The deadline for submitting your completed CPT application for the upcoming semester is **listed on our website**.

You are encouraged to submit your application to IS before this deadline in case additional information or documents are needed to process your application. All required documents must be received and registration requirements must be completed by this deadline. Please allow at least 10 business days for processing before your requested employment start date. **No exceptions can be made.**

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A. General Information

LSU ID#: 89- _____

Name: _____
(last) (first) (middle)

- Semester of first entry as F-1 student or effective date of change of status to F-1: _____
- Have you ever previously had full-time CPT authorization at LSU? Yes No
- Have you ever previously had full-time CPT authorization from another school based on the same program level as this CPT request? Yes No

If yes, please indicate the dates of your full-time CPT authorization from any school(s) for the same program level. (Please list additional full-time CPT periods on the back of this form).

From: _____ to _____ From: _____ to _____
(Mo./Day/Yr.) (Mo./Day/Yr.) (Mo./Day/Yr.) (Mo./Day/Yr.)

From: _____ to _____ From: _____ to _____
(Mo./Day/Yr.) (Mo./Day/Yr.) (Mo./Day/Yr.) (Mo./Day/Yr.)

B. Basis of CPT request

- What major is this CPT request based upon?
 Master's PhD in _____
 - Is this your first semester in this major? Yes No
 - Are you pursuing a dual degree/double major? Yes No
If yes, list your other major and degree level:
 Master's PhD in _____
- When will you graduate with this second major? _____
(Semester / Year)

- What is the basis of your CPT request? (**You are required to check at least one***.)
 Registration in a course for academic credit which requires off-campus employment of all students enrolled (does not include research hours (thesis/diss./project). Course title and number: _____
 Registration in an internship through the LSU Olinde Career Center: ITN (full-time) CEP (part-time)

***For either option, if you are registered for fewer than 9 credit hours and are requesting full-time CPT, you must register through the LSU Olinde Career Center for an ITN code to maintain full-time registration. If it is your final semester of graduation/completion as verified by LSU IS and/or your department, you are eligible to enroll part-time but must meet one of the eligibility options above.**

C. Period of CPT Employment specified on employer letter:

Allowed CPT start date range: as listed on our website

Allowed CPT end date range: as listed on our website. If graduating in the upcoming CPT semester, employment must end no later than the official graduation date.

We cannot backdate CPT authorization and you cannot begin work until CPT authorization is approved; we recommend applying at least 10 business days before your proposed employment start date to allow IS sufficient time to process your CPT application once all documents have been received and requirements have been met.

1. You are applying for (check only one):

Full-time CPT authorization _____ hours per week (greater than 20)

Part-time CPT authorization _____ hours per week (no more than 20)

D. Other Employment Information

1. Did you hold an assistantship during the current semester? Yes No

If yes, for how many hours per week? 10 20 Other _____ hours per week

For which department? _____

2. Will you hold an assistantship during the upcoming CPT semester? Yes No

If yes, for how many hours per week? 10 20 Other _____ hours per week

For which department? _____

3. Will you have an on-campus job for the upcoming CPT semester? Yes: No

If yes, for how many hours a week will you work on-campus? _____ hours per week

For which department will you work? _____

E. Course Enrollment While on CPT

1. Will you enroll in courses (excluding research hours) while on CPT? Yes No

If yes, how many credit hours will you enroll in? _____ hours

2. Will you enroll in thesis / dissertation / project research hours while on CPT? Yes No

If yes, how many credit hours will you enroll in? _____ hours

F. Defense Date (if you are enrolled in a non-thesis Master's program, you can skip this question)

1. Will you defend your thesis or dissertation during the upcoming CPT semester? Yes No

If yes, when will you defend? _____

(Month / Day / Year)

Note: If you will defend prior to the upcoming semester mid-terms, you are not eligible for CPT.

G. Graduation Date

1. Please indicate when you will complete your program:

end of upcoming CPT semester

"degree only" for the upcoming CPT semester (You are not eligible for CPT)

Other: _____

(semester / year)

H. Credit Hours Earned Toward Completion of Degree Program

The section below must be reviewed and signed by your academic advisor and department head.

1. What is the **TOTAL number of coursework credit hours** (excluding thesis/dissertation hours) required for the completion of the degree on which your CPT request is based? _____ hours
2. How many of those coursework credit hours (excluding thesis/dissertation hours + non-required credit hours) have you completed by the end of the current semester (last enrollment term)? _____ hours
3. By the end of the current semester (last enrollment term), have you already finished all required coursework (excluding thesis/dissertation hours) for the academic program on which your CPT request is based?
 Yes No

If yes, you are required to submit a separate letter from your major professor indicating that your participation in off-campus CPT employment is an **“integral part of your thesis or dissertation.”** The letter **must also describe in detail** how the proposed CPT employment is integral for the completion of your thesis or dissertation.

If you are registering for CPT is based on the fact that it is **integral to the completion of your thesis, dissertation, or final project**, you must register in a minimum of **1-3 credit hours prior to applying for CPT** (even in your graduating semester).

I. Required Signatures:

Major Professor and Department Head (of major on which this CPT request is based)

To the best of my knowledge, I certify information on this form to be true and correct. I have reviewed the job dates and details and certify that it meets departmental/course requirements and that the CPT employment for which this student is applying is an integral part of an established curriculum. I approve of this student's participation in Curricular Practical Training during the upcoming CPT semester.

I certify that this student has completed the required coursework hours listed above for the completion of the degree that the CPT request is based on (excluding thesis/project or dissertation hours). If the student has completed all required coursework hours, I have attached a letter which indicates that the proposed employment is integral to the completion of the student's thesis, dissertation, or final project.

Major Professor's name (printed)

Major Professor's signature

Signature date

Department Head's name (printed)

Department Head's signature

Signature date

Student

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have carefully read and understood the CPT forms and instructions on the IS website at www.lsu.edu/iso. I certify that all information on my application is true and correct. I will notify IS immediately of any changes to the terms or duration of my employment, or if I decide not to pursue this employment with my approved CPT employer. I authorize that all information provided on this form, including any and all personal, financial, academic data and/or other data may be shared with LSU International Services – International Programs to facilitate the request. This data will be securely retained indefinitely. To learn more about privacy at LSU, please see the LSU Privacy Statement. (www.lsu.edu/privacy)

If I am pursuing a second degree in addition to the degree on which this CPT authorization is based, I have already informed my academic advisor and department head of the second degree program that I may not be pursuing coursework in that degree during this CPT program.

I understand that IS may cancel my CPT authorization at any time if it is determined that any information on or pertaining to my CPT application is false. I understand that my lawful F-1 status may be at risk in such cases. I will be informed by IS through my LSU email if my CPT is cancelled and if/how cancellation of my CPT will affect my F-1 status.

Student's name (printed)

Student's signature

Signature date

CPT Statement of Acknowledgement

Please read the information below carefully before signing.

To be completed by the F-1 student:

I, the undersigned F-1 student, understand that CPT employment authorization is temporary and is primarily for the purpose of fulfilling my curricular requirements. I am required to maintain either 1) enrollment in the course(s) mandating CPT (includes thesis/dissertation research hours) or 2) registration in an LSU Olinde Career Center Internship Program during the period of authorized employment. I understand that if I do not fulfill necessary registration/enrollment requirements, LSU International Services (IS) must cancel my CPT authorization.

I will report extensions or any changes (in work plans, location, hours per week of employment, employment dates, etc.) to my CPT employment to IS **before** any such changes occur. I am aware that the changes are subject to IS approval to continue my CPT authorization. I will notify IS **immediately** if I decide not to work or stop working using my CPT authorization and I will be informed of how it may affect my F-1 status.

I understand that failure to abide by the above conditions may result in the forfeiture of any future terms of CPT authorization and my lawful F-1 status.

(Student's name - printed)

(Student's original signature)

(Date)