

International Student Services (803) 807-5611 Rossi Student Center, 1st Floor

Curricular Practical Training - Employer Information

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is employment which is an integral part of an established curriculum. CPT is available to F-1 students who have been lawfully enrolled on a full time basis for at least nine consecutive months.

Sponsoring employers, agencies, or other institutions may offer employment or training to Columbia International University F-1 students who are participating CPT.

The employer must provide the international student hire a written offer letter on official letterhead. The following information must be included in the letter:

- 1. Employer Name
- 2. Employer Address and location where student will work, if different from employer address
- 3. Employment start and end dates (should correspond with the CIU academic calendar)
- 4. Number of hours expected to work per week (full time or part time)
- 5. Position Title
- 6. Position Description
- 7. Statement of how the position is relevant to the student's major area of study
- 8. Name of Immediate Supervisor (if known)