

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Academic Certification

CPT Request Information & Academic Course Details

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Purpose of this form

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) is an F-1 benefit that may authorize practical training when the experience is an integral part of an established curriculum and directly related to the student's major area of study. The form helps International Student Services (ISS) document the academic connection between the proposed practical training, the course in which the student is enrolled, and the student's established degree curriculum.

Important - Academic reviewers are not being asked to determine F-1 or CPT eligibility.

Final CPT eligibility and authorization are determined by a Designated School Official (DSO) in ISS.

Current SEVP guidance

This certification reflects SEVP Broadcast Message BCM 2608-01 (August 12, 2026), which emphasizes that CPT must meet applicable curricular requirements and must not be designated primarily to facilitate employment.

Important - Do NOT begin employment if and after CPT is authorized

Completion or submission of this form does not authorize employment. The student may begin practical training only after ISS has approved the CPT request and issued an updated Form I-20 showing CPT authorization.

1 Before you begin

A Training details

Have the proposed practical training information available.

B Course basis

Identify the established course of curricular requirement supporting CPT.

C Student section

Complete the student and course information below.

D Academic review

Send the form to the appropriate academic reviewer for certification.

2 Student Information

Last name

First name

UTRGV ID

Education level

☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate ☐ Doctoral

Major / academic program

Expected completion date

3 CPT Course Information

Course subject & number

Course title

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Student Certification & Curricular Review

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3 CPT Course Information - Continued

Academic term

Year

Credit hours

Instructor / Faculty Advisor

☐ Fall ☐ Spring ☐ Summer

Is the course identified on page 1 an established course within the student's degree program or curriculum?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the course appear in the University's established curriculum/catalog or approved degree requirements?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is enrollment on this course applicable toward completion of your degree program?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Student Acknowledgment

I certify that I am currently enrolled on the course identified above. I understand that Curricular Practical Training (CPT) must be an integral part of my established curriculum and must be directly related to my academic program.

Student signature

Date

5 Curricular Relationship to the Practical Training

ACADEMIC REVIEWER ONLY

The academic reviewer must complete Sections 5 - 7. The student may NOT fill out any field in these sections.

Message from International Student Services

Please provide an academic assessment based on the student's degree program, course, and established curriculum. You are not being asked to determine immigration or CPT eligibility. ISS may contact you if additional information is needed.

Is the proposed CPT experience directly incorporated into the course identified on page 1?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the proposed practical training a core and essential part of the student's studies, without which the student would be unable to complete the applicable degree/program requirement?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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Curricular Component & Academic Certification

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5 Curricular Relationship to the Practical Training - Continued

If Yes to the second question, identify the specific degree/program requirement and explain why the student could not complete that requirement without the proposed practical training.

6 Type of Curricular Component

- ☐ Required Internship / Practicum
 Required internship, practicum, clinical, field experience, or other practical training component.
- ☐ Elective Course with Practical Training
 Established elective course that includes an internship, practicum, or practical training component
- ☐ Required Clinical / Field Experience
 Required clinical, fieldwork, or experiential learning component.
- ☐ Other Established Curricular Component
 Established academic component not described here; explain:
- ☐ Research / Thesis / Dissertation
 Research, thesis, dissertation, or another established scholarly requirement.

7 Faculty / Academic Reviewer Certification

Reviewer Acknowledgment

I certify that, based on the established curriculum and academic requirements of the student's degree program, the practical training described above is an integral component of the identified course and/or established curriculum and is not being added or designated solely for the purpose of facilitating employment.

Printed name

Title / Position

Department

UTRGV email

Date

Signature

8 Final Submission Checklist

Before submitting, confirm that:

- Student and course information are complete.
- Student acknowledgment is signed.
- Academic reviewer assessment is complete.
- Required explanation is complete, if applicable.
- Academic reviewer certification is signed.
- Required CPT supporting materials are included.

Submit the complete request and supporting documents to International Student Services at international@utrgv.edu.