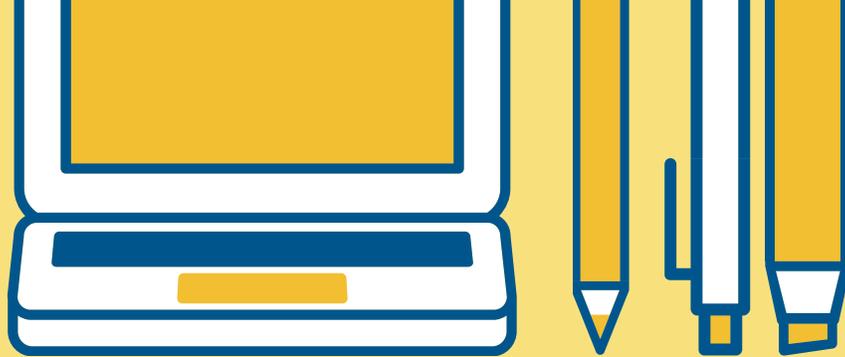
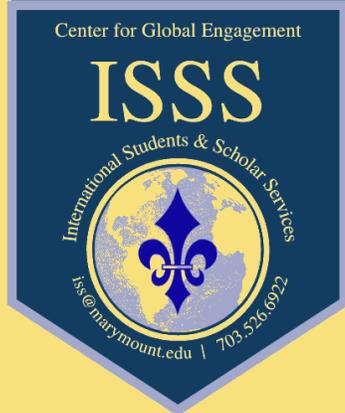


# Internship & Employment in the U.S.

International Students are allowed to gain experience in their field of studies through internships, clinical studies, or employment before and after graduation. If any of these training programs are compensated in any form (Payment, meals, gift cards, housing, etc), students must obtain employment authorization.

For internships or placements, international students must be taking the internship/placement course and have an internship in their field of study. Students will go through the regular internship or placement for Nursing/Education processes and must be registered for the course. Once they have gone through these and been registered, they will go to the ISSS portal and report their internship through the CPT (Curricular Practical Training) form. This CPT form is a work authorization permit for an internship strictly related to the class. We encourage all students, regardless of if their internships are paid or unpaid, to complete the CPT form. Please be aware that for placements, students will need to know the exact address they will be working at, the hours, their duties, their job/internship/placement title, and their supervisor's name and email.



Students in Nursing and Education will also need to report their clinicals for CPT if they are doing the equivalent of part-time or full-time internship hours across a semester tied to a class. This includes ED 460, ED 570, and NU489 courses. Other classes like the fieldwork, where students are shadowing are **not** considered CPT, since students are not being hands-on, and instead are observing the practices. International students cannot do more than 12 months total of CPT/internships without it interfering with their post-graduation employment opportunities within the U.S. Students looking to work after graduation in the US will need to apply for OPT 3 months before they graduate. Please encourage your international students to attend ISSS's OPT and CPT workshops to learn more as this can be a lengthy process.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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