

Bridgewater State University
 International Student and Scholar Services
Curricular Practical Training VS. Optional Practical Training

CPT requires a job offer	VS	OPT does not require a job offer.
CPT requires enrollment in a special class in which on-the-job training is required and for which course credit is received	VS	OPT does not require you to enroll in any class.
CPT is authorized for a specific employer IRU ZRUN UHODWHG W studies.	VS	OPT allows work with ANY employer EDVHG RQ VWXGHQ\
Employment authorization based on CPT is granted on the 20.	VS	Employment authorization based on OPT is called the EAD (Employer Authorization Document).
CPT requires 63.24 re Wk002 (ent) p6 course units required for degree.	VS	OPT allows for employment both prior to and after graduation.
CPT does not affect OPT as long as CPT issued does not exceed 12 fulltime months. Parttime (20 hours or less) CPT is never accumulated or deducted from OPT.	VS	Part time (pre-completion) OPT (20 hours or less) is deducted at parttime rate, but fulltime OPT (over 20 hours week) is deducted at fulltime rate from the 12 months of OPT. (NOTE: if you received 6 fulltime months of OPT prior to graduating, you will have 6 months left upon graduation.)
x		Both CPT and OPT require that the proposed employment be related to the student's field of study.
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