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### When am I eligible to be considered for CPT?
After successful completion of one academic year of full-time study (fall/spring or spring/fall), 18 credits for grads/24 credits for undergrads completed, in good academic standing with no grades of “F” “INC” or “U”, or negative disciplinary or academic standing.

### Am I eligible for CPT while in the Navitas Pathway Program?
NO

### Do I need a new Form I-20 before starting any off-campus employment, including CPT?
ALWAYS! Any time worked off-campus prior to the issuance of a new Form I-20 authorizing the job experience will be an automatic cause for termination.

### What if the job is unpaid or is part of a required practicum, do I still need a new Form I-20?
YES. All off-campus work, field work, practicum, internship, paid or unpaid job experience is only legally possible through the issuance of a new Form I-20. Failure to abide by this will cause automatic termination of your legal status.

### Do I have to register for the CPT job experience?
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### How many credits do I have to register for CPT?
It varies, and depends on the type of CPT. Registration can range from 1-3 credits. This will be evaluated at the time you are considered for CPT authorization.

### How do I find information about internships or co-op programs?
Check the Career & Co-Op Center website for information on upcoming career fairs, Career Cafes, Drop-In Resume Makeovers, etc., https://www.uml.edu/student-services/career-services/. Also, check with your Undergraduate or Graduate Academic Advisor for co-op programs specific to your department.

### May I work full-time on CPT during an academic semester?
Only if your department offers a full-time co-op option which would be available to all students in that academic program, as listed in the Course Catalog. Check with your Undergraduate or Graduate Academic Advisor to explore co-op opportunities within your program. All such programs have a selection process, with specific course sequencing and preparatory coursework.

### May I work full-time on CPT during a summer session?
Yes, in MOST cases, only with the issuance of a CPT Form I-20, and never in your last summer session.

### May I work on part-time CPT during a regular semester?
Yes, but not in your last semester, and only with the issuance of a CPT Form I-20.

### Am I authorized to do either part-time or full-time CPT in my last semester?
NO. However, you’ll be eligible to apply for Pre Completion OPT.

### Other Job Search Tools
- Career & Co-Op Center
- CPT Brainshark