

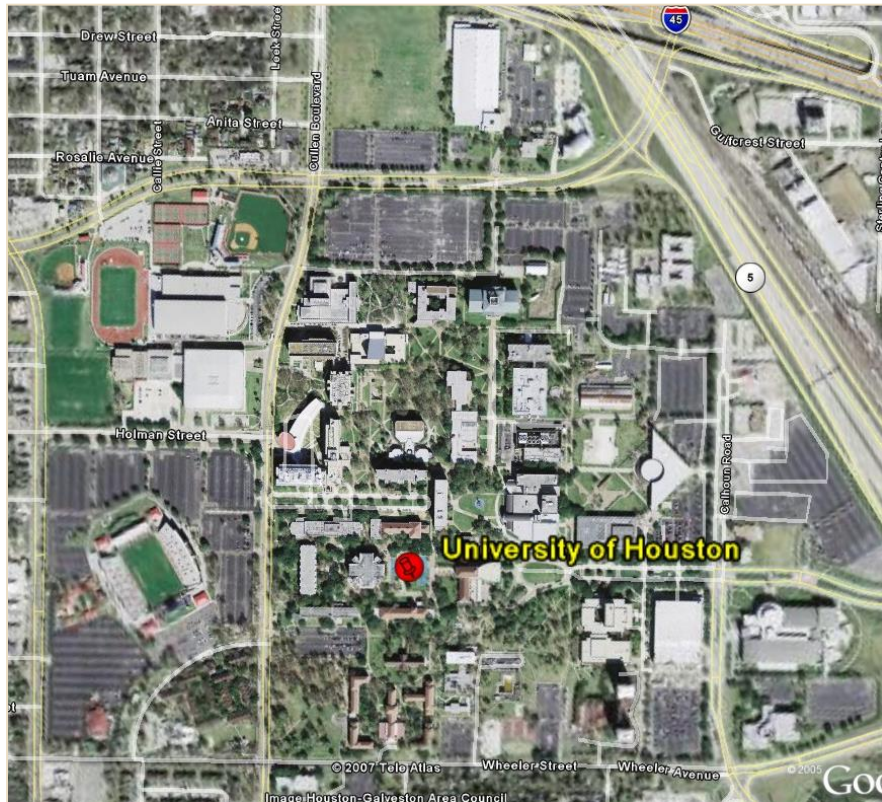


EMPLOYMENT OPTIONS

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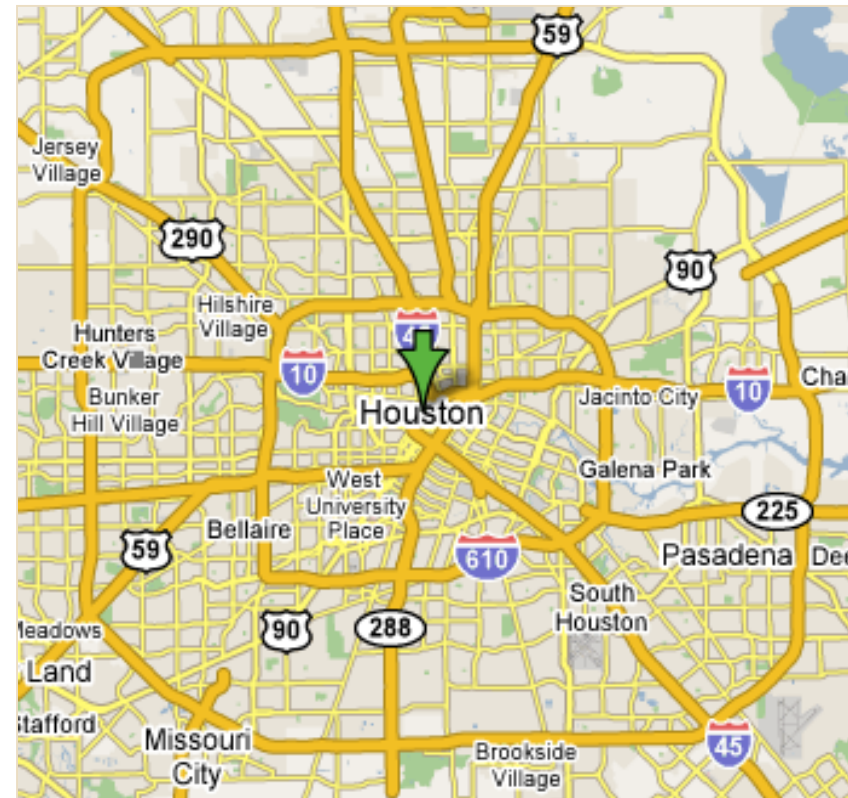
F-1 Employment Categories

□ ON CAMPUS



Only the UH main campus, listed on your I-20

□ OFF CAMPUS



Greater Houston area

On Campus Employment

- ❑ To qualify, be sure to maintain full time status, on F-1 visa.
- ❑ Not eligible for “work-study” funded positions, or long term staff positions
- ❑ Only work at the campus listed on the I-20 (UH Main campus)



On Campus Employment

- Full-time F-1 students with a current I-20 may begin working on campus immediately
- Fall/Spring Semesters 20 hours per week maximum
- School breaks, over 20 hours per week is ok.



On Campus Opportunities

- Most jobs are only advertised in their respective departments (networking)
- Teaching, Research & Academic Support Assistantships (TA/RA/ASA)
 - ▣ Typically these jobs offer in-state tuition
 - ▣ Highly competitive



Need ideas?

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F-1 Employment

On-Campus

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- F-1 students with a valid I-20 issued for attendance at the University of Houston are generally permitted to work part-time (no more than 20 hours per week) except for official school breaks and the student's annual vacation, when it may be full-time) with the University of Houston as the employer, while they are attending the University of Houston and maintaining their F-1 status, subject to certain restrictions discussed in the F-1 visa regulations : [8 CFR 214.2\(f\)\(9\)\(i\)](#)

Off-Campus

- **CPT**
- **OPT**
- **Economic Hardship**

Off Campus Employment

- **CPT**
- **OPT**
- **International Organizations**
- **Economic Hardship**



Off Campus Employment

- Curricular Practical Training (CPT)
- Optional Practical Training (OPT)



Curricular Practical Training: (CPT)

4 scenarios for CPT:

- Required practicum / internship course
- Required research for thesis / dissertation
- Internship course for credit but not required by the degree curriculum
- Required by the curriculum but not for academic credit

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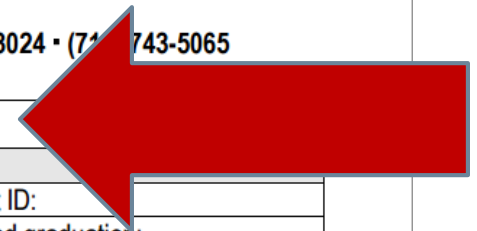
F-1 GRADUATE STUDENT CPT APPLICATION FORM

Step 1: Student Information and statement

Family name:	Given name	Student ID:
Major:	Degree: <input type="checkbox"/> Master's <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate	Thesis/Dissertation: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Request effective for (semester/year):	Expected graduation:	
Will you have a DSTF during this semester? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Will you have a graduate assistantship during this semester? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Email address:		
Copy the statement in the space below: I will not start CPT until I have received CPT authorization on my I-20 and I will only work during the authorized period on page 3 of the I-20.		
Signature:	Date:	Phone:

Step 2: Student Request

Curricular Practical Training (CPT): Part-time (20 hrs/week or less) Full-time (summer only or authorized final semester)



Curricular Practical Training: (CPT)

- Renewable each semester – authorized on a “per semester” basis
- Can be granted part-time (unlimited; part-time is up to or including 20 hours per week)
- Can be full time (up to 364 total, cumulative days to keep OPT benefit eligibility) – full time allows work beyond 20 hours per week



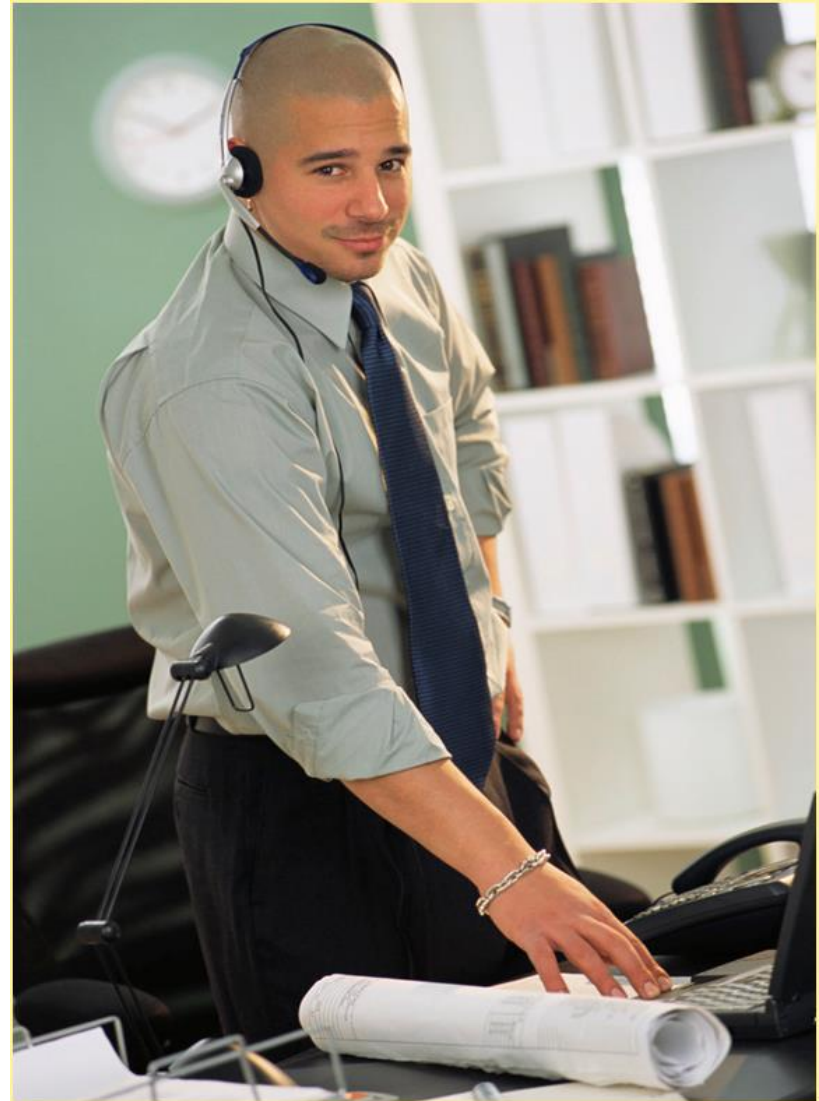
Curricular Practical Training: (CPT)

- Minimum eligibility for CPT:
- Maintaining F-1 status
- Full Time student for the previous one **academic year** (i.e., Fall & Spring semesters, continuously for 2 main semesters).



Optional Practical Training (OPT)

- Temporary employment usually granted for 12 months
- Related to your major/area of study
- To work after completing your degree
- Apply up to **90 days prior to graduation**; schedule an OPT type appointment during your final semester.
- Bring the required documents with you for OPT



Sample EAD: Post Completion OPT

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA **EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION CARD**

SPECIMEN TEST V 01 JAN 1920

Surname
SPECIMEN

Given Name
TEST V

USCIS# **Category Card#**
000-000-773 C09 SRC0000000773

Country of Birth
Ethiopia



Terms and Conditions
None

Date of Birth **Sex**
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Valid From: **01/01/80**

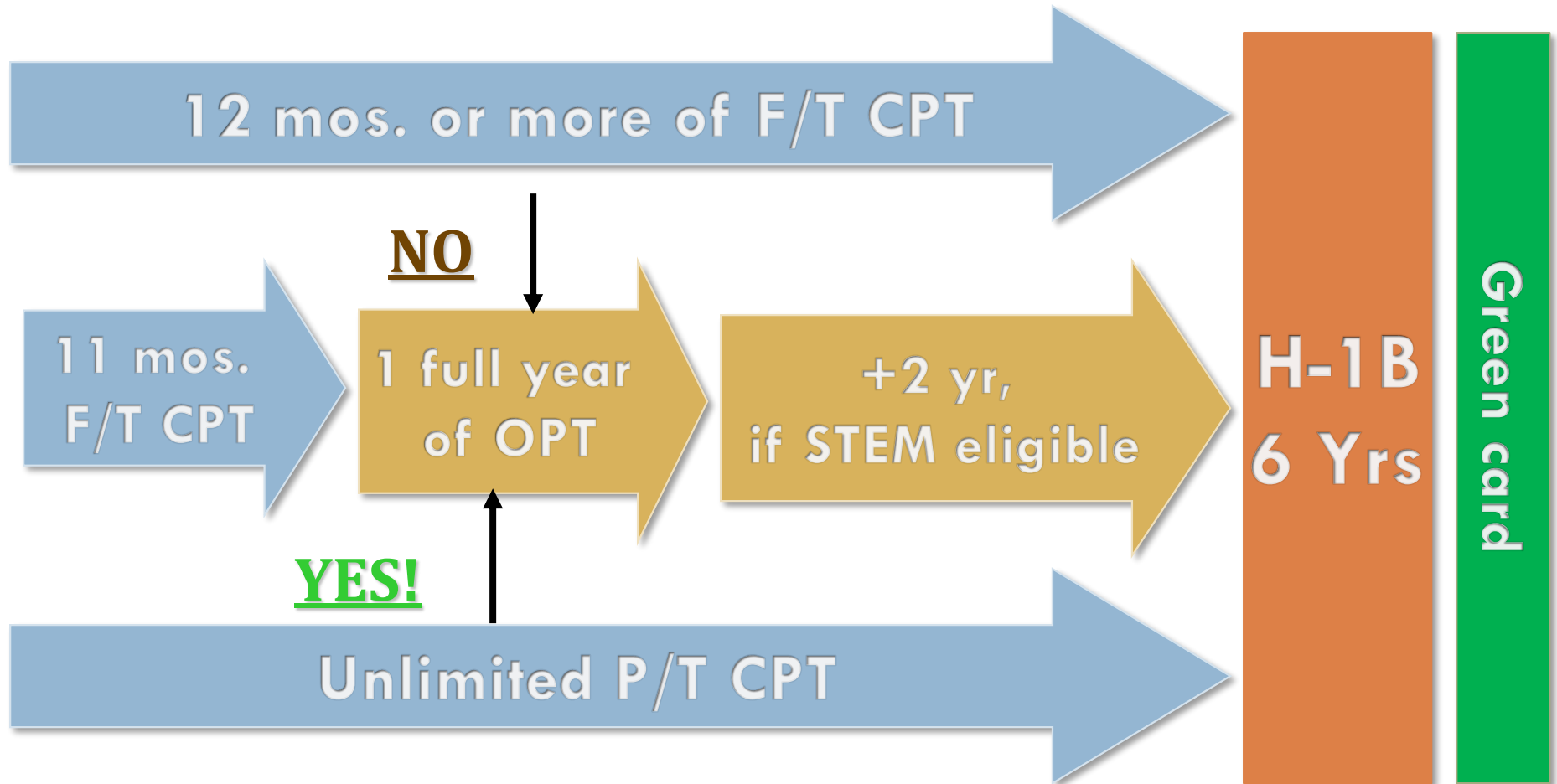
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NOT VALID FOR REENTRY TO U.S.



Test V Specimen

Long Term Planning



Social Security Number

- For an On-Campus job: bring these items to ISSS:
- Job offer letter from the UH employer
- Request from ISSS:
- Social Security Letter



Social Security Number – for an On-Campus Job

- Documentation required by the Social Security Administration (SSA) Office:
 - [1] Job Offer Letter (not older than 30 days)
 - [2] ISSS Social Security letter (SSN letter)
 - [1] Current I-20 (original)
 - [2] I-94 page – print from CBP website (we gave this to you during Check-In)
 - [3] Passport (original)
 - [4] Visa page (in passport)
 - [5] Fill form “SS-5” – either download it from www.ssa.gov - or complete it at the SSA Office

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To Whom It May Concern:

This is evidence of on-campus employment for:

(Name of F-1 Student)

Nature of student's job (e.g., food services, library aide, research assistant, etc.):

Start Date:

Number of Hours/Week:

Warning!



- Unauthorized employment is illegal and it is a serious violation of your F-1 visa status.

Visit ISSS

- For more information on your employment options and to apply for work authorization please visit us.

- www.uh.edu/oiss

