

TYPES OF EMPLOYMENT

On Campus Employment

F-1 students are eligible to work on-campus at Pacific School of Religion or another GTU member school. International students do not need special permission to work on-campus. F-1 students:

- 1) Must be registered as a full-time student.
- 2) Must have a valid F-1 visa
- 3) Can only work 20 hours per week during the semester, this includes Curricular Practical Training (CPT) and on campus employment.
- 4) Can work more than 20 hours per week during the summer and breaks
- 5) Will need a Social Security Number before beginning employment (please see Social Security section for information on how to obtain a Social Security number)

Off-Campus Employment

There are two types of off campus employment: CPT and Optional Practical Training (OPT) Students are eligible for off campus employment after completing nine months of academic study (one academic year). International students must be in good academic standing and carrying a full course of study to be eligible for off campus employment. Please contact the CISS if you are considering any of these options.

- Curricular Practical Training [CPT]: This off-campus work option is primarily for MDiv students who are required to complete field education as part of their academic program. Clinical Practical Education [CPE] also qualifies for CPT. In addition, cooperative education agreements with local congregations can provide pastoral employment opportunities.
- Optional Practical Training [OPT]: This off-campus work option is available for all other international students who desire to work in a field directly related to their major and who are not required to complete field education (e.g., MTS, MA, CTS, CSS students). Students are eligible for a total of 12 months of OPT during their academic program. Any OPT taken during the time of academic study is counted toward the total.
- Post-Completion Optional Practical Training: This off campus work option is for international students who would like to work in positions related to their course of study after completing their degree or certificate program. If no OPT has been taken previously, the student is eligible for 12 months of employment.

