Federal regulations pertaining to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program provide that F-1 students may undergo practical training through employment directly related to the student’s field of study. Students in F-1 status must be lawfully enrolled in school full-time for at least one full year before becoming eligible. Practical training may include curricular practical training (CPT), on the condition that CPT constitutes an integral part of an established curriculum. CPT may include an internship, practicum, or other type of employment offered by a sponsoring employer through a cooperative agreement with the school. If not required for graduation, CPT must be taken for credit to qualify. In addition, a faculty member serving as undergraduate chair or major advisor to the student must certify that the experience is directly related to the student’s major area of study using this form. This certification should be based on a review of the offer letter from the sponsoring employer to the student outlining the duration and scope of the internship, which shall serve as the cooperative agreement.

Please complete this form by filling out the spaces provided below.

Name of Student (please print)  Penn ID No.

Undergraduate Major

Name of Undergraduate Chair or Program Director (please print)

CPT Employer

Brief description of internship or practicum as outlined in the offer letter:

Course for which student will receive credit: _____________

My signature below confirms that I have reviewed and approved the above-named student’s proposed CPT internship or practicum, as well as the offer letter to the student from the sponsoring employer, and determined that the internship is directly related to the student’s major area of study, and that the student will receive credit for independent study in connection with the internship experience.

Signature of Undergraduate Chair or Program Director