



University of Houston-Downtown FIELD EXPERIENCE APPLICATION

(Attach resume and UHD Grade History before submitting to professor in your academic department—see listing)

Part 1 (Student):

Last Name: _____ First _____ Student ID Number: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Cell phone: _____

Major: _____ Hours Completed: _____ Overall GPA: _____ Graduation Date: _____

Email: _____

*****(all contact is via email--disable junk or bulk function for email from UHD) *****

Semester: Fall _____ Spring _____ Summer _____

F-1 students must receive approval from the Coordinator of International Admissions, Student Life Center 101 (713) 221-8048.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Part 2 (Employer):

JOB DESCRIPTION

During the _____ semester of 20_____, _____ will be participating in a cooperative program between you and the University of Houston-Downtown. As the employee's direct supervisor, please provide a brief description of student duties or attach a copy of the job description:

Student's Position Title _____

Department _____

Summary of Responsibilities:

Please check all that apply to this Field Experience:

Internship/Co-op _____ Volunteer _____ Permanent _____ Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Temporary _____

Unpaid _____ Paid _____ Rate of Pay _____

Name of Student's Supervisor _____

Email Address _____

Company/Organization _____

Title _____

Telephone _____

Address _____

Employer Signature _____

Fax _____

City, State, Zip _____

Part 3 (Academic Department Approval): Approved: _____

Denied: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Name and Title: _____



Requirements:

- Good academic standing as a Junior, Senior or Graduate student.
- A declared major at the University of Houston-Downtown.
- Meet minimal departmental standards for **GPA, Course Completion, etc.**
- **VALID EMAIL set to RECEIVE FROM UHD without junking or bulking.**

Steps for Applying:

1. **Create a profile in https://uhd-csm.symplicity.com/students/?signin_tab=0. Valid email address and student id number are mandatory.**
2. **Complete Field Experience Application (*attached*).**
 - Fill out Part 1 of the application.
 - Have your employment supervisor fill out and sign Part 2.
 - Attach a copy of your resume and most recent UHD Grade History to the application.
 - Submit application to the Field Experience Coordinator listed for your major below.

Need assistance in finding a Field Experience position?

- Contact the Field Experience Coordinator in your academic department (*listing below*) for assistance in searching for a Field Experience position.
- Visit Gators4Hire at https://uhd-csm.symplicity.com/students/?signin_tab=0 for listed positions or contact the UHD Center for Career and Professional Development for assistance.
- Make your own contacts and network with employers.
- Employers may request resumes from the Center for Career and Professional Development Center online job board, *Gators4Hire*. If you do not want us to release your resume, you must notify the Center for Career and Professional Development.

Field Experience Coordinators by Major

Davies College of Business

GENERAL INFORMATION: Center for Career & Professional Development (CCPD), MDCOB location, ccpd@uhd.edu, 713-221-5011

Accounting & International Business

Dr. Raghu Venugopalan, venugopalanr@uhd.edu
Dr. Marilyn Dement (MPAC Program), dementm@uhd.edu

Finance, Information Systems (MIS) and Risk Management & Insurance (RMI)

Dr. Anisul Islam (Finance and MIS), islama@uhd.edu
Dr. Pamela Hurley (RMI), hurleyp@uhd.edu

General Business, Marketing and Supply Chain Management

Dr. Steve Zhou, zhoub@uhd.edu
Dr. Rupak Rauniar, rauniarr@uhd.edu

Human Resources (HRM), Management, Applied Administration (BAAS)

Dr. Julio Canedo Soto (MGMT), canedosotoj@uhd.edu
Dr. Jarvis Thomas (BAAS), thomasjar@uhd.edu
Dr. Guolei (Chris) Zhang (HRM), zhangg@uhd.edu

Master of Security Management (MSM)

Dr. Julio Canedo Soto (MSM), canedosotoj@uhd.edu

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Communication

Dr. Ashley Archiopoli archiopolia@uhd.edu

English

Dr. Chuck Jackson jacksonchar@uhd.edu

Fine Arts

Kyle Moore moorek@uhd.edu

Humanities

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Social Science

Dr. David Branham branhamd@uhd.edu

Spanish

Dr. Rey Romero romerore@uhd.edu

Political Science

Dr. David Branham branhamd@uhd.edu

Sociology

Dr. David Branham branhamd@uhd.edu

Psychology

Dr. Travis Crone psychinternship@uhd.edu

Technical Writing

Dr. Chakrika Veeramoothoo veeramoothoos@uhd.edu

College of Public Service

Criminal Justice

Jared Sorenson cjfieldexperience@uhd.edu

Social Work

Leslie Sirrianni sirriannil@uhd.edu

Education

Dr. Patricia Siller sillerescuderop@uhd.edu

College of Science and Technology

Biology & Physical Sciences

Dr. Rachna Sadana sadanar@uhd.edu

Biology & Physical Sciences w/ Teacher Certification

Dr. Jon Aoki aokij@uhd.edu

Biology

Dr. M. Gabriela Bowden bowdenm@uhd.edu

Biotechnology

Dr. Rachna Sadana sadanar@uhd.edu

Data Science

Dr. Ryan Pepper pepperr@uhd.edu

Chemistry

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Computer Science

CSET Department cset@uhd.edu

Control & Instrumentation Mathematics

CSET Department cset@uhd.edu

Math Education

Dr. Amanda Lake Heath heatha@uhd.edu

Geosciences

Dr. Kenneth Johnson johnsonk@uhd.edu

Safety Management

CSET Department cset@uhd.edu

Statistics

Dr. Kendra Mhoon mhoonk@uhd.edu

Structural Analysis & Design

CSET Department cset@uhd.edu

For coaching on resume/cover letter/interviewing for internships –

please call 713-221-8980, stop by the Center for Career and Professional Development, S-402, visit

www.uhd.edu/ccpd, or log into Gators4Hire



FOR F-1 INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ONLY

UH-Downtown

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is Curricular Practical Training?

Curricular Practical Training is work authorization for employment that is either required by your curriculum, required for a credit-bearing course or required for your degree. The advisors at the UHD Intl Student Services Office (ISSO) authorize it.

2. What are the eligibility criteria for Curricular Practical Training?

In addition to getting credit in a course for the work, you have to have been enrolled in your program for a full academic year and have maintained valid immigration status before you can apply for CPT. Graduate students whose degree curriculum requires immediate participation in an off-campus work experience may be able to work before the academic year is completed **IF this requirement is CLEARLY stated in the published program description.**

3. Do I have to be registered while on Curricular Practical Training?

You do not have to be registered while on CPT; however, if you are registered as a full-time student (both grad or undergrad) or registered in absentia (grad only) you can only work part-time INCLUDING any time you already are working as a TA or RA. Part-time work is 20 hours or less per week.

4. Does Curricular Practical Training impact on the amount of allowed Optional Practical Training?

If a student qualifies for Curricular Practical Training, s/he may use up to eleven months of full-time Curricular Practical Training without it affecting Optional Practical Training. However, if a student uses a total of 12 months or more of full-time Curricular Practical Training, it cancels out all Optional Practical Training time. Part-time CPT does not count towards this limit.

5. What is considered part-time training?

Employment for 20 hours or less per week, while you are enrolled for classes, is considered part-time curricular practical training. The employment authorization written on the back of your I-20 copy will specify permission to engage in part-time training and you must limit your work to no more than 20 hours per week. You must be simultaneously enrolled as a full-time student in order to maintain lawful F-1 status.

6. What is considered full-time training?

Employment for more than 20 hours per week is considered full-time curricular practical training, regardless of whether you are enrolled full-time or part-time for classes. The employment authorization on your I-20 copy will specify permission to participate in full-time training. There is no limitation upon the length of time, you may participate in full-time curricular practical training, however, if you participate in twelve months or more of curricular practical training you will not be eligible for post-completion practical training.

7. Do I have to pay U.S. taxes on my salary?

In general F-1 students who have been in the U.S. for **five years or less** are exempt from social security taxes (also known as F.I.C.A. tax). You should be sure to bring this to the attention of your employer because many employers are not familiar with this provision of the tax laws. Students in F-1 status are subject to all other taxes that may apply, including federal, state and local.

8. What proof of employment authorization can I give my employer?

Your I-20 form authorized for curricular practical training is the document which indicated employment authorization. You should bring your I-20 form, passport, and I-94 card to your employer. These documents will allow your employer to complete the Employment Eligibility Verification Form I-9. All employers are required to complete an I-9 form for every employee.