Graduate Students Checklist – Co-Op

*This checklist is not for students who are on an F/J VISA (US) or Study Permit (CAN). Please refer to the international student checklist for your specific country of study for specific guidelines.

**Your Academic Advisor and Co-op Advisor are here to support you in your co-op search! Please note that experiential learning opportunities are not guaranteed**

### Step 1 (Recommended Completion in First or Second Quarter of Program):
- Meet with your Academic Advisor to map out a course plan in order to participate in co-op (If you started your program prior to Fall 2021, you may have the option to enroll in a 3-credit or 4-credit course associated with your co-op).
- Review Academic Eligibility Requirements (see chart below)
- Attend the workshops on Experiential Learning and Co-op Search Strategies
- Complete INT 6200 Preparing for Experiential Learning course (1-credit) to increase your likelihood of success (optional, but recommended)
- Create a profile in the NUWorks Co-op Database (*Please note successfully completing INT6200 is required to be granted access to the co-op positions in NUworks*)
- Visit Career Design Center and attend additional career workshops to help ensure you are “career ready”
- Complete an XN project to gain professional knowledge and expertise (completing INT6200 is a prerequisite for a co-curricular XN project and enrollment in INT5964 is required during same academic term as the project)

### You must meet the following eligibility requirements to participate in co-op:

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*Co-op cannot be completed in a student’s final term. Students must return from co-op to complete their academic program requirements.*

I am taking/plan to take the Experiential Prep course in the following term: _______
I will be academically eligible to complete a co-op starting: _______

### Step 2 (Recommend Completion in Term Before you’re Eligible to Start):

#### A) Confirm Your Academic Eligibility:
- □ I will complete the minimum credits needed for experiential learning (see requirements above) on: _______
- □ My Cumulative GPA is 3.0 or higher

#### B) Review Co-op Course Requirements
- □ I understand the course requirements which need to be completed during the time period I am participating in a co-op. See information on co-op course requirements below:
  - All students participating in co-op will be enrolled in a 0-credit, pass/fail, COP6945 Experiential Learning course, which includes a required reflection component and self-assessment managed by your co-op advisor through NUworks
  - For students enrolled in Fall 2021 or after, there is no for-credit option for co-op and students must complete the above NUworks reflection requirements through COP6945. Students who started their program prior to Fall 2021 may have the option to enroll in a 3-credit or 4-credit elective course, COP6940 Personal and Career Development. This course can take the place of a required program
elective and a student enrolled in this course would not be required to complete the reflection component in NUworks. *Meet with your Academic Advisor to ensure that you have room in your course map for this option.*

- I have at least one course to complete upon returning from co-op.

**C) Search for and Apply to Positions:**

- Review CPS Academic Calendar and Deadlines for Co-Op Start Dates (Co-op is approved on a PER ACADEMIC TERM BASIS. Be sure that the dates of the co-op meet the registrar length requirements for the duration of the academic term that you will be engaging in experiential learning.
- Attend a Job Search Workshop.
- Attend the Career Fair
- Search for positions on NUworks (successful completion of INT6200 is required for access)
- Search for positions through outside sources (example: LinkedIn, Internships.com, Indeed.com, etc.)
- Be informed and conduct due diligence to ensure that your intended co-op employer/organization and the practical training that you will engage in are valid.

*Only apply to Co-ops that are academically integral to your program of study and learning objectives – your Co-op Advisor will give guidance and final approval*

**D) Once you have received an Offer Letter:**

- Email a copy of the offer letter to CPS Co-op Team at cpscoop@northeastern.edu. Date sent: ______________

**Questions?**

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