CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PRACTICAL TRAINING

Start off your career or take it to the next level with a degree from Cal State East Bay

At California State University, East Bay, our goal is to prepare students for future careers.

Our professors are dedicated to your success-- in the classroom and beyond. Our location in the San Francisco Bay Area attracts award-winning professors, many of whom are recognized experts in their fields. This allows us to offer you a strong academic course of study and a real-world curriculum that will prepare you for a lifetime of personal achievement and career success.

Get Practical Training in the Bay Area

Cal State East Bay’s location in the hills overlooking the San Francisco Bay provides more than just a great view; it also places our students in the ideal location for career development just a 30-40 minute drive from San Francisco and Silicon Valley where our students can get practical training in local organizations and international companies based in the Bay Area. Not all universities can offer the same wealth of opportunities for internships and work placements on their doorstep.

CSUEB Career Services

Our career education center is available to work with you from day one, offering personalized career assessment and advising sessions, counseling, information and employment resources as well as hosting career fairs and recruitment events where students can meet prospective employers. We provide all the resources students need to make the transition from campus to the workplace.

AACE advising staff have Master’s degrees in Counseling or Career Services, years of experience working with students, as well as cross-cultural sensitivity and a solid understanding of the special needs of international students looking for internships and practical training.

CSUEB uses Handshake to enable students to search paid job opportunities on and off campus as well as post resumes, research companies, schedule on-campus interviews, and learn about AACE Events (Career Fairs, Employer Information Sessions, Professional Development Workshops, and other networking events).

Curricular Practical Training (CPT)

Curricular Practical Training (CPT) allows F-1 students who are in good academic standing and have completed one academic year of full-time study in the US the opportunity to work off-campus (either full-time during a vacation term or part time during the academic year). Immigration regulations require that CPT must be an integral part of an established curriculum, meaning the employment must be related to your degree program. Students enroll in an internship course to receive academic credit for the CPT work experience. Each academic term dozens of CSUEB students gain valuable experience in their field by completing these internships in companies throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

What CSUEB students say about their CPT experience

“Being able to intern at Facebook has been a life changing opportunity and a validation of all the work I have put into my education at Cal State East Bay. Having moved here only a year ago as a transfer student, I really appreciated being given the chance to do this internship. I felt supported by my professors and staff at the University throughout the CPT process. At Facebook, I was an intern in the Computer Emergency Response Team within Facebook’s Information Security, and got to learn from top security professionals.”

Egxona Ferati, Kosovo  BS Computer Science  CPT: Facebook

“One of my main reasons for choosing CSU East Bay is that its program combines the theoretical knowledge and practical skills one needs to be qualified to work immediately after graduation. I was honored to intern at Genentech in the Biometrics Department; this helps me to apply the things I learn in class to real-life problems. Part of my responsibilities at Genentech is to analyze patients' data and produce statistical reports. It is a great opportunity for me because I get to work with people from different back-grounds in order to develop drugs for fatal diseases such as cancer.”

Nasser Al-Ali, United Arab Emirates  MS Statistics  CPT: Genentech

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“Cal State East Bay professors are always going above and beyond to expose you to both academic and career opportunities. As a former performance analyst for an investment bank, I was blessed to work with the smartest and brightest consultants in corporate real estate as a member of the CBRE team for my CPT. Building financial models using knowledge I gained in my previous roles and enhancing it with newly acquired analytical/technical skills, I was able to quickly stand out among my peers and add value to our clients. CSUEB is the right place to invest in yourself and build life-long relationships.”

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Optional Practical Training (OPT)

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is an opportunity for F-1 students to work in the United States for 12 months in their field of study without earning academic credit. Most students apply for OPT authorization to begin after finishing their program of study, thereby extending their length of stay in the US by one year following their studies. For students and graduates in certain Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields (for a full list see: https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2016/stem-list.pdf), CSUEB’s proximity to Silicon Valley means they are perfectly placed to take advantage of the 24-month OPT extension option for STEM students who have completed an approved 12-month OPT program (for a total of 36 months for STEM OPT). In academic year 2017-18 425 students were approved for Post-Completion OPT and 225 students had approved OPT STEM extensions.

What CSUEB students say about their OPT experience

“The MS Business Analytics Program at CSUEB is really a good choice for those who want to start their career in the field of business analytics and get involved in the world’s trend of big data and machine learning. Because of the program’s perfect combination of well-organized course structure and abundant contents, not to mention the dedicated professors and instructors, any self-motivated student can easily become either a data analyst or a data engineer, I am currently interning in a start-up cellphone gaming company Cloudcade as a business intelligence analyst in San Francisco, which gives me the chance to apply my analytic skills to practical problem and get to know the industry trends. I’m glad I chose the MSBA Program at CSUEB.”

Jian Du, China, MS Business Analytics, OPT: Cloudcade

“The most valuable aspect of the Master of Engineering Management program at CSUEB is the multi-disciplinary approach geared towards business and management acumen with the flexibility to choose from a wide range of technical concentrations. The interactions with multi-disciplinary students promote problem solving from different perspectives; industry specific examples from professors help to relate specific management techniques to the real industry problems and applications. This well-balanced program helped me get an internship and then also get hired full-time at Logitech Inc. My program at Cal State East Bay encouraged me to think outside the box and come up with new ideas, along with the engineering mind-set and this helped me put myself on the right career path.”

Mayuri Ferodiya, India, MS Engineering Management, OPT & STEM OPT: Logitech

“CSUEB’s MS Accountancy program is a great stepping stone to a career in public accounting or finance, as it allows graduates to be potential CPA candidates. Through this program, I was able to take part in networking events with accounting firms, developed valuable relationships with fellow peers now working in the same industries, and landed a full-time position with Deloitte & Touche, LLP. Employment for international students is very much possible!”

Jeff Cho, South Korea, MS Accountancy, OPT: Deloitte & Touche

“The school being close to Silicon Valley provided me with the opportunity to meet Silicon Valley’s work force and expand my network. During my master’s, I worked as a Software Engineer intern at Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). This internship was a great intermediate step preparing me to move into Silicon Valley. Right after graduation I started my OPT internship at a large global software company, SAP.”

Pakan Poursaeid Esfahani, Iran, MS Computer Science
CPT: BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit)
OPT & STEM OPT: SAP

Whether getting your degree is your first step or the next step up in your professional life, Cal State East Bay is ready to help you move up in your career.

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