

a program in which qualified students study overseas while completing requirements for graduation at Andrews. This language and cultural immersion is available in nine locations: Argentina, Austria, Brazil, France, Greece, Italy, Singapore, Spain, and Taiwan. Participation is not limited to language majors. Contact the chair of the Department of International Language Studies for further information.

Undergraduate students may study abroad in the **Andrews University Year in England at Newbold College** program. The purpose of this program is to allow students to participate in a culturally enriching academic experience. Information about this program can be secured by writing Newbold College or contacting the Dean of Affiliation and Extension Programs at Andrews University. Students should make application directly to the Admissions Office, Newbold College, Binfield, Bracknell, Berkshire, England RG42 4AN.

## STUDENT LIFE

### Campus Ministries

*Campus Center, Main Floor* 471-3211

### Campus Safety

*Seminary Drive* 471-3321

### Career Planning and Placement

*Campus Center, Main Floor* 471-3141

### Counseling and Testing Center

*Bell Hall (Education Building)* 471-3470

### Graduate Student Association

*Bell Hall (Education Building)* 471-6606

### Housing Office

*Garland Apts., Building G, Ground Floor* 471-6979

### International Student Services

*Campus Center, Main Floor* 471-6688

### Intramural Hot-Line

*Johnson Gymnasium* 417-3434

### Office of Student Services

*Campus Center, Main Floor* 471-3215

### P.A.R.T.Y. (Positive Attitudes Related to Youth)

*Campus Center, Ground Floor* 471-6277

### Residence Halls

*Meier/Burman* 471-3390

*Lamson* 471-3446

### Student Activities

*Campus Center, Main Floor* 471-6315

### Student Health Office

*Campus Center, Main Floor* 471-3111

### Student Labor and Insurance

*Administration Building, Main Floor* 471-6570

### Undergraduate Student Association

*Campus Center, Ground Floor* 471-3250

The university is concerned with educating the whole person—mentally, physically, spiritually, and socially—based on the philosophy of Adventist education. It recognizes that one's career can neither be complete nor balanced without ample provision for spiritual, cultural, and social needs. Therefore, many activities not directly related to the instructional program are available. Each student has an opportunity to take part in those of his/her special interest.

## STUDENT HOUSING

Andrews University offers several choices of living quarters to meet students' needs.

**Residence Halls.** The university maintains two men's residence halls (Meier Hall and Burman Hall) and one women's residence hall (Lamson Hall). Double-occupancy rooms are standard. Private occupancy is permitted by special request, if space allows, for an additional fee.

**Apartments and Houses for Rent.** The university owns approximately 300 apartments and 25 small unfurnished houses. These are available to married students and single-parent students. Only the efficiency apartments in the Garland complex are available to single graduates or single undergraduates who are 22 years of age or older. Accommodations are available only to those who have been officially accepted as university students. Since apartments are limited, applicants are advised to apply six to nine months before their first semester of studies.

Most apartments are furnished. Tenants must supply their own linen, draperies, and culinary utensils. Unfurnished apartments have a stove and refrigerator. Heavy furniture and pianos may be placed in the apartments only by prior arrangement with the housing manager. Pianos may be used on ground floors only. Pets are not allowed in university apartments or houses. The Housing Office provides apartment descriptions, rental rates, and application forms upon request. Further information on university housing may be obtained through the *University Housing Handbook* available from the Housing Office.

**Other Accommodations.** Many area landlords have their names and phone numbers on record at the Housing Office. Students may consult or copy this list.

## MOTOR VEHICLES

Any student who is not on citizenship probation and who meets the requirements for vehicle registration, licensing, and insurance as outlined below and as specified in the motor-vehicle regulations is allowed to own and operate a motor vehicle.

**Vehicle Registration.** All motor vehicles must be registered with the Campus Safety Department within two weeks after the vehicle is brought to the campus or after it is acquired. Decals, issued when a vehicle is registered, must be affixed within 24 hours after being issued. Failure to register a motor vehicle within the specified two weeks and failure to display properly the decal after it has been issued may result in a fine.

**Auto Licensing.** An understanding exists between most state governments to the effect that *bona fide* students, not locally employed, attending an out-of-state accredited or recognized school may use their home state license plates and operating license during the period of their attendance at such an institution. State license plates and operating licenses may be renewed during attendance if necessary.

**Auto Insurance.** All vehicles must be covered with public liability and property damage insurance. The insurance must remain in effect as long as the vehicle is in the university community. Expiration or cancellation of insurance automatically revokes motor-vehicle registration and privileges. All vehicles must be maintained in legal operating condition at all times. Regulations governing the use of motor vehicles are described in the brochure, *Student Right-to-Know Report*, available from the Campus Safety Office.

Students who receive any pay from local employers must register their motor vehicles and obtain a Michigan driver's license and license plates.

### FOOD SERVICE

Food service facilities are located in the Student Center. The Terrace Café (cafeteria on the upper level) has three dining rooms—Badger, Lincoln, and Wolverine—which seat approximately 600 people. The Gazebo (snack bar on main level) provides fountain grill service. All food in the Gazebo and Terrace Café is vegetarian.

### MEDICAL SERVICES

**Required Medical Records.** Michigan State Law requires all first-time students to supply certain medical records to the school of their choice before registration can be completed. The required records are those for (1) Tuberculosis Screening and (2) Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (German Measles) Immunization (MMR). See the admission section of this bulletin for detailed requirements.

**Available Medical Care.** For health needs students may contact University Medical Specialties, located next to the Apple Valley Plaza. Phone 473-2222 during regular office hours (8:00 am–5:00 pm, Monday–Thursday, and 8:00 am–12:00 noon, Friday) to schedule appointments.

Physician appointments and nurse visits, as well as most short-term medications, are available to residence-hall students. These services are included in the rent/health plan and are not charged separately to the student. However, charges are made for lab work, X-rays, and accident cases involving third-party liability.

Non-residence-hall students living in the apartments or off-campus housing may also use University Medical Specialties for a fee.

For emergencies outside of regularly scheduled office hours, students may reach a physician at 473-2222.

### HEALTH-RELATED CONCERNS

**Insurance—Sickness/Accident.** Every international student in “student status” and every other student registered for 6 or more credit hours is automatically covered by an Accident and Sickness insurance plan by filling out an enrollment card. The payment for this coverage is charged to the student's account the same as tuition and is **non-refundable**. Students who have proof of the same kind of insurance coverage elsewhere may waive the university plan by presenting a copy of their insurance card or a letter from an employer verifying coverage, and by signing a waiver card at registration. Coverage for a student's spouse and dependent children is also available for an additional fee. All students from outside of the United States must cover dependents who accompany the student to the States. A brochure describing the insurance coverage is available at the Student Employment/Insurance Office in the Administration Building.

**Counseling and Testing Center.** Psychological counseling and testing services for personal, social, spiritual, educational, and vocational concerns are available to all university students. Understanding oneself, sorting out feelings, learning new skills, determining realities, exploring alternative courses of action, making one's own decisions—all are a part of maintaining emotional balance.

Mental health and vocational guidance testing is available at the Counseling Center without charge or at nominal charge to all Andrews University students. The center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc.

### SPIRITUAL CONCERNS

**Campus Ministry.** As a church-operated university, Andrews University emphasizes personal religion and enables its students to participate in activities that nurture spiritual growth. Members of the pastoral staff of the campus church are available for counseling and campus religious programs. Their offices in the Student Center coordinate these varied programs and provide helpful materials and information to students interested in spiritual growth. The student-missionary and task-force programs and BRANCH (Bringing Andrews to Christ), the student religious-activities organization, are also coordinated through the Campus Ministry Office.

**Chapel and Worship Services.** Students are required to attend the regularly scheduled chapel and assembly programs. Residence-hall students are required to attend dormitory worships. All students are encouraged to participate in worship services and to consider these appointments an integral part of their curriculum. The University Chapel for undergraduate students meets at 10:30 a.m. in Pioneer Memorial Church (PMC) on Tuesdays. The University Student Forum meets Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in Johnson Gym unless otherwise announced. Seminary chapel also meets on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in the Seminary Chapel. Seminary students are required to attend chapel as well as weekend worship services. Other graduate students are urged to participate in chapel services in Pioneer Memorial Church, the Seminary Chapel, or specially scheduled graduate-student chapels.

### STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

**Standards of Conduct.** A conscious effort is made to maintain standards of conduct that reflect the spiritual heritage of Seventh-day Adventists. The university also seeks to maintain social standards comparable to those upheld by the Adventist church. It interprets the presence of a student on campus as meaning that he/she has chosen this university because of the lifestyle it upholds. Admission is a privilege that entails acceptance of individual responsibility for honor, integrity, and self-discipline. Attendance at the university is also a privilege and not a right.

To safeguard its moral and scholastic atmosphere, the university can ask any student to leave whose presence seems to damage the mission and function of the university. Such students are told the reason for their dismissal. A student may lose his/her connection with the school without any overt act if he/she is not in accord with its standards and objectives. The use of tobacco, alcoholic beverages, narcotic or other dangerous drugs; dancing; indulging in profanity or vulgarity; possessing lewd or obscene materials or firearms; or engaging in improper associations are not allowed. Involvement in public scandal may be cause for suspension or dismissal.

The expected standard of conduct is described in the *Student Handbook*. Students may obtain a copy of the handbook at the Student Services office (or locate it on the Andrews University web site). Any regulation adopted and published by the faculty and announced to the students has the same force as regulations printed in official publications.

**Student Records.** Within certain limitations, enrolled students of Andrews University may inspect their official records upon request at the following offices: Academic Records, Human Resources, Student Financial Services, Student Services, Counseling and Testing Center, departments of instruction, and the University School. The full policy that governs student records and access to them is available in the *Student Handbook*.

**Student Review of Educational Records.** It is the policy of the university that students may inspect and review their educational records and may, if they believe the records are incorrect, seek to have the records corrected through appropriate review procedures. Students who wish to review their academic records should set up an appointment through the Academic Records Office. Students wishing to review their student life records should make an appointment with the Student Services Office.

**Releases to Third Parties.** In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Andrews University limits disclosure of educational records or personally identifiable information without the student's written consent, except to agencies having a recognized legal need for the information.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act gives institutions the right to define certain classes of information as directory information. The institution does not have to obtain consent from the student to release this information. Therefore, Andrews University has classified the following as directory information: name, local address, local phone number, major field of study, year in college, E-mail address, dates of attendance, degrees or certificates (with dates), scholarships, honors received, awards received.

Students may restrict the release of all items of directory information at the beginning of each semester. This must be done by Friday of the first week of classes. A form for requesting such restriction is available at the Academic Records Office.

Andrews University reserves the right to determine the manner in which directory information may be released or to whom it may be released without the consent of the student.

**Safety Regulations.** Andrews University expects students to develop safe working habits. Students who participate in classes, laboratories, or activities involving situations considered hazardous, as specified by the state or national standards, must provide and wear any such required personal safety equipment.

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

**Eligibility Pre-Employment I-9 Form.** Before working on campus, all students (both U.S. citizens and others) must personally have a validation interview with the Student Employment Officer (Administration Building) at which time the officer and the student will make a joint sworn statement on the appropriate I-9 legal declaration form.

**Employment Eligibility Certification.** The Immigration Reform and Control Act charges all employers to examine and verify certain documents that establish the employment eligibility of all new employees. New and returning students who have not completed an I-9 for Andrews University work in the past and who plan to seek any employment on the Andrews University campus must supply documents of identity and employability. Some documents serve for both purposes (List A), but if not available, two documents may be presented (one each from List B and List C). The following are acceptable documents:

### LIST A

#### Documents That Establish Both Identity and Employment Eligibility:

- U.S. Passport (unexpired or expired)
- Certificate of U.S. Citizenship (INS Form N-560 or N-561)
- Certificate of Naturalization (INS Form N-550 or N-570)
- Unexpired foreign passport with I-551 stamp or attached INS Form I-94 indicating unexpired employment authorization

- Alien Registration Receipt Card with photograph (INS Form I-151 or I-551). Also known as Green Card or Permanent Residency Card
- Unexpired Temporary Resident Card (INS Form I-688)
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Card (INS Form I-688A)
- Unexpired Reentry Permit (INS Form I-327)
- Unexpired Refugee Travel Document (INS Form I-571)
- Unexpired Employment Authorization Document issued by the INS which contains a photograph (INS Form I-688B)

### LIST B

#### Documents That Establish Identity:

- Driver's license or ID card issued by a state or outlying possession of the United States if it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color and address
- ID card issued by federal, state, or local government agencies or entities provided it contains a photograph or information such as name, date of birth, sex, height, eye color and address
- School ID card with a photograph
- Voter's registration card
- U.S. Military card or draft record
- Military dependent's ID card
- U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Card
- Native American tribal document
- Driver's license issued by a Canadian government authority.

For persons under age 18 who are unable to present an identity document listed above (for List B):

- School report or report card
- Clinic, doctor, or hospital record
- Day-care or nursery school record

### LIST C

#### Documents That Establish Employment Eligibility:

- U.S. Social Security card issued by the Social Security Administration (other than a card stating it is not valid for employment)
- Certification of Birth Abroad issued by the Department of State (Form FS-545 or Form DS-1350)
- Original or certified copy of a birth certificate issued by a state, county, municipal authority, or outlying possession of the United States bearing an official seal
- Native American tribal document
- U.S. Citizen ID Card (INS Form I-197)
- Unexpired employment authorization document issued by the INS (other than those listed under LIST A)

*All documents presented must be original.*

Persons not having the required document(s) may have the option of submitting a receipt from an application for a missing document. The applied-for document must be submitted within the stated amount of time. Failure to do so results in immediate suspension from work.

A parent or legal guardian may sign the I-9 form, attesting that the applicant is under age 18. However, such an applicant must present an employment eligibility item from the above list if a document proving both identity and employment eligibility is not available.

**Employment.** The university (an equal opportunity employer) provides work opportunities for students and, when available, their spouses. Work for academy students is limited. Andrews University currently spends more than \$4,000,000 on student-related employment annually. Rates start with the minimum wage rate of the Wage and Hour Law. The university allows students to

work, as work is available, up to 20 hours per week during the academic year. Several regional hospitals and a number of schools offer employment to qualified persons. Commercial and manufacturing firms are also located within 12 to 15 miles of the campus. Residence-hall students may not take off-campus employment without permission from the vice president for student services.

Students should schedule regular blocks of time (half days Monday through Friday) to maximize work opportunities. Undergraduate students currently enrolled for a minimum of 12 Andrews credits and graduate students currently enrolled for a minimum of 8 Andrews credits are eligible for on-campus work.

Persons wanting to work on campus may write to the student employment coordinator for further employment information.

**Employment (International Students).** International students on non-immigrant F-1 or J-1 visas may accept on-campus employment up to 20 hours per week according to current immigration law. Persons on F-2 visas may not work in the United States.

## ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

The university encourages students to participate in as many extracurricular activities and organizations as their study-work loads permit. Experience gained in working with others to achieve common goals provides invaluable training. Some of the more prominent campus organizations and activities are described below. A complete list of campus organizations is available from the Student Services office.

**Andrews University Student Association (AUSA) and Publications.** The Student Association serves all undergraduate students enrolled at Andrews University for 5 or more credits. It coordinates activities that include the publishing of the *Cast* (pictorial student directory), the *Cardinal* (university yearbook), and the *Student Movement* (university paper). The editors and managers of these publications are approved by the Student Senate and elected by the members of AUSA. The Senate, composed of about 30 student leaders, exercises legislative and management powers given to it by the constitution of the association.

Student committees—BRANCH, Educational Standards, Student Services, Social Recreation, and Student Life—are additional activities of AUSA. Details about AUSA and its sub-organizations appear in the *Andrews University Student Association Constitution and Bylaws*.

**Andrews University Graduate Student Association.** All graduate students enrolled with regular or provisional status in a degree program in all schools and colleges at the Berrien Springs campus of Andrews University are automatically members of the Andrews University Graduate Student Association (AUGSA). The AUGSA assembly includes all AUGSA members and is governed by elected officers who meet regularly and report to the assembly.

The AUGSA sponsors social, spiritual, and scholarly activities during the school year. It may also be involved in university policy development that affects graduate students. Details about AUGSA are found in the *Constitution of the Andrews University Graduate Student Association*.

**Bringing Andrews to Christ (BRANCH).** BRANCH is the official youth organization of Andrews University Student Association and Pioneer Memorial Church. It sponsors religious programs for all students throughout the school year. BRANCH plans activities that involve Christian service and fellowship on Sabbath afternoon.

**Residence Hall Clubs.** Kappa Phi Gamma and Sigma Phi Delta include all women and men, respectively, who reside in college residence halls. In addition, many other clubs on campus represent the special interests of departments and international groups.

**Seminary Student Forum.** The Seminary Student Forum (SSF) serves as a student association for the Seventh-day Adventist Theological Seminary and includes every seminary student. It represents the student body to the seminary administration and places student representation on seminary committees. It organizes and coordinates activities for the seminary students and helps official seminary student organizations including the Black Student Association of the Seminary, the Daughters of the Lord, Hispanic Association of the Seminary Student Forum, and other formally organized associations. It exercises powers as delegated by its constitution. The SSF is funded by a quarterly activity fee charged to all seminary students.

**Black Student Association of the Seminary (BSAS).** The BSAS welcomes all seminarians. Its aim is to equip the spiritual leaders of the future to become gifted ministers in the home, church and community. BSAS fosters a Christ-centered environment that draws one into a deep personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Its emphasis on caring, unity, and joy satisfies the spiritual needs of the family and community.

**Daughters of the Lord.** The Daughters of the Lord (DOTL) is primarily an organization for the wives of seminary men. Its purpose is to enrich the lives of the women and help them prepare for ministry in partnership with their husbands according to their talents, gifts, and desires. Although the organization focuses on seminary wives, it also encourages participation by faculty women, faculty wives, and students.

## OTHER CAMPUS SERVICES

Other campus services include a barber shop, a beauty shop, and the university-branch post office.

## SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

Reasonable accommodation is made for students with a documented physical or mental impairment that limits their academic activities.

Several offices work together to provide academic adjustments and special help for students having these impairments. Students are responsible to provide necessary documentation of disabilities before accommodation can be arranged. Students with physical disabilities should contact the Student Services Office (471-3215). Students with learning disabilities should contact the Academic Success Consultant (471-6205).

## IMMIGRATION INFORMATION FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

ALL Students with a visa, particularly those with F or J status (including dependents) who come to the United States for study should be aware of immigration laws governing their specific visa status. It is the responsibility of the student to maintain his/her status at all times. Failure to follow immigration regulations, whether intentional or unintentional, is a violation of student status. In the event of a violation, the international student must apply to the INS for reinstatement to regain the legal student status that was lost. All international students, regardless of the type of student visa in their passports are required to consult with

the International Student Services office upon arrival on campus.

The personnel at the International Student Services office are designated school officials (DSOs). They are appointed by Andrews University and authorized by the US Immigration & Naturalization Services (INS) to advise international students regarding US immigration laws and regulations, particularly in the areas of academics, employment, and travel.

The International Student Services office communicates information by several means. First, there is the International Student Orientation which is required upon arrival at Andrews University. Failure to attend this orientation will result in a fine to the student of \$75. Arrangements for a new orientation session will be scheduled in order for students to continue their studies at A.U.

Other means of communication include the Andrews University Bulletin, the International Student Services website, the Andrews Agenda, newsletters, and e-mail. It is required that all international students update their changes of address with the A. U. Records Office. They are also advised to provide their phone numbers and email addresses to the university as well as to the International Student Services Office. If there are any changes in the visa status, international students should report immediately to the International Student Services office so that the change of status may be entered into the main university system .

#### **General requirements for maintaining status as international students:**

1. Have at all times a valid passport (except Canadians who travel by land).
2. Come directly to Andrews University and attend the school that issued the I-20 for at least one complete semester.
3. Continue to carry a full course of study.
4. Leave the United States once the courses for the academic program are completed.
5. Apply through the International Student Services office for a new I-20 if it is desired to change programs or to continue for another academic level within the same school.
6. Keep the I-20 or IAP-66 updated at all times.
7. Maintain a legal work permit (on or off campus according to INS regulations).

**Tuberculosis Testing:** All international students must submit a negative (clear) TB test prior to admission.

#### **ATTENDANCE AT ANOTHER SCHOOL**

International students that come to study with an Andrews University I-20 or the General Conference IAP-66 should always maintain a full course of study at Andrews University. With an A.U. I-20, international students may take additional classes from other schools if approved by the academic advisor.

#### **TRANSFER TO ANOTHER SCHOOL IN THE U.S.**

J-1 students who want to change schools or their academic program must first check with their sponsoring organizations. F-1 students who used an I-20 from Andrews University upon initial entrance to the U.S. as a student are required to attend Andrews full time for a semester before being eligible to transfer to another school. If a student intends to change schools for any reason during the program, or after receiving a degree, he/she must initiate a transfer and obtain a new I-20 from the new school. The transfer instructions that need to be followed are normally given by the new school.

#### **FULL COURSE OF STUDY**

INS requires every student on an F-1 or IAP-66 student visa to enroll full-time every semester at the school they are authorized to attend beginning immediately after the report date on the I-20 or IAP-66. Full-time class enrollment is as follows:

Undergraduate	12 credits (minimum)
Graduate	8 credits (minimum)
MDiv	9 credits (minimum)
English Language Institute	Check with the English Language Advisor
Academy	
Fall Qtr	2.0 units (minimum)
Winter/Spring Qtr	1.5 units (minimum)

Audited credits do not count.

Summer semester is a vacation semester for those who start a normal school year. International students do not have to enroll for a lesser course load during summer except if the initial attendance reporting date on the I-20 or IAP-66 is dated for the summer semester. If so, the student must enroll for a full study load during the summer. Additional information is available in the International Student Services office.

1. International students with medical problems must provide a statement from the health-care practitioner recommending an interruption or reduction in study load.
2. Graduate international students who have completed formal course work and are engaged in comprehensive exam preparation, project, thesis, or dissertation are required to register for such. Thereupon they are considered to be pursuing a full course of study.
3. An international student who registers in his/her last semester for less than the minimum credits required, must present a letter from his/her academic advisor verifying that these are the only credits that the student needs to fulfill all course requirements.
4. An F-1 student engaged in post-completion optional practical training maintains his/her full visa status. A student in F-1 status doing full-time curricular practical training is also considered to be pursuing a full course of study. But if an international student is engaged in part-time curricular practical training or part-time optional practical training, he/she is required to enroll in classes concurrently.

#### **STUDENTS ON EXCHANGE VISITOR VISAS AND THE TWO-YEAR HOME COUNTRY PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENT**

The two-year home country physical presence requirement is one of the most important characteristics of the exchange visitor J status. If the international student is bound by this regulation, it will be stated on the J visa and on the bottom left corner of the IAP-66. Exchange visitors including the dependents (those with J-2 status) subject to the two-year home country physical requirement are not eligible to change their status in the U.S. to another category. Neither can such students become eligible for permanent residency until they have been physically present in their country of nationality or the country of last legal permanent residence for a minimum of 2 years following departure. Check with the International Student Services office regarding a waiver of this requirement if interested.

### **EMPLOYMENT FOR J-1 and F-1 STUDENTS**

Immigration laws are very strict about employment. International students desiring to work must be sure to comply with these laws. **UNAUTHORIZED OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT CAN LEAD TO DEPORTATION.**

J-1 students may engage in two kinds of employment: 1) academic training related to the course of study, or 2) work on-campus or off-campus for a maximum of twenty hours per week while school is in session and full-time during vacation. J-1 students must obtain a letter from the Treasurer's Office of the General Conference authorizing employment before beginning work.

**Academic Training.** Employment which is directly related to the course of study is permitted by the INS while the J-1 student is enrolled in school, or if begun no later than 30 days after completion of the program. A letter from the General Conference authorizing academic training is also required. Please contact the Office of International Student Services for further details.

The INS permits F-1 students to work on-campus a maximum of twenty hours per week while school is in session, and full-time during vacations, breaks, and holidays. On-campus employment is not permitted by the INS after completion of a degree unless the student has a new I-20 for another program of study.

**Curricular Practical Training (CPT).** Employment authorization for curricular practical training is given to students whose degree programs require off-campus work experience. International students may NOT begin working until the I-20 has been endorsed with employment authorization by the DSO. CPT is limited to twenty hours per week if the student is required to take classes during the practicum. If the CPT work is full-time, then the I-20 must be stamped for full-time. For more information, contact the International Student Services office.

**Clinicals, Practicums, or Internships.** International students who have a required clinical, practicum or internship as part of a degree program MUST apply for Curricular Practical Training and receive the CPT stamp on the I-20. Failure to do so may cause problems at the internship site.

**Optional Practical Training (OPT).** Optional Practical Training is an optional work benefit for F-1 students intended for practical work experience in their major field of study. Upon INS approval, a student receives work authorization to do OPT anywhere in the United States for a total of 12 months. OPT can be done before and/or after completion of a degree. (More information will be provided by the International Student Services office).

### **ACCEPTING PUBLIC BENEFITS IS ILLEGAL**

Often hospital or medical clinic personnel encourage international students to accept Medicaid, or other government benefits for prenatal care, birth of baby, WIC programs etc. **DO NOT ACCEPT PUBLIC BENEFITS.** Doing so is considered by INS to be a violation of your non-immigrant status. Such students will be required to pay back the money received and may risk deportation.