

Work in a Student Work Placement

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As of April 2026, [IRCC](#) has removed the requirement for most international students to apply for a separate co-op work permit. This means that eligible students can now complete their co-op, work experience, internship, or practicum using only their valid study permit. To qualify, students must have the “on campus” authorization to work as a condition on their study permit (see below), and the work experience must be a mandatory component of their academic program.

- “May accept employment on or off campus if meeting eligibility criteria as [per R186\(f\), \(v\), or \(w\)](#). Must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria.” OR
- “This permit does not authorize the holder to engage in off-campus employment in Canada. May accept employment only on campus if meeting criteria as per R186(f). Must cease working if no longer meeting these criteria”.

Eligibility

You can take part in work placement without a work permit provided you meet all the conditions:

- Your study permit allows you to work on campus.
- Your program includes a mandatory co-op, work experience, internship, or practicum required to graduate.
- You hold a valid study permit or applied to extend and remain enrolled in your program.
- Your work placement must be an essential part of your program requirements, as confirmed by your institution.
- You are enrolled as a full-time student.
- Your program is six months or longer and leads to a degree, diploma, or certificate.
- The co-op, work experience, internship or practicum is 50% or less of the total program of study.

The last day of the college wide final exam period is the last day of the co-op, work experience, internship, or practicum.

Ineligibility

You are not eligible to take part in the co-op, work experience, internship, or practicum:

- If your study permit does not have the “on campus” working condition on it. If this is your situation, you must apply for a change of conditions.

It is important to note that you must apply for a [study permit extension](#), before the expiry date, to maintain work eligibility. You may also be required to provide documentation confirming that the co-op, work experience, internship, or practicum is an essential part of studies. Please contact international@langara.ca for more information.

If your placement involves working with minor children or in the healthcare field, you must ensure that your study permit does not include any condition that restricts your ability to complete your co-op, work experience, internship, or practicum. If such condition exists, you must change the [conditions on your study permit](#).

IRCC Links

[Work as a co-op student or intern](#)

[Working in Canada as an international student](#)

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