Student Co-op Agreement Form

The following guidelines have been established by your department and the Office of Cooperative Education and Career Services for participation in the optional Cooperative Education program. It is your responsibility to uphold the following:

1. Eligibility for Co-op – Graduate students are eligible for co-op work consisting of six months of full-time employment in industry.
   - The co-op program is available for full-time students in good academic standing (graduate GPA of 3.0 or better) who have completed the Bridge Program and all core courses of their MS program of study. During co-op, the student may take at most one course per quarter.
   - Co-op positions must be secured by the beginning of the academic quarter that you wish to co-op. Permission for mid-quarter co-ops will not be granted. Co-op has to start and end at quarter break.
   - International students must have full-time student status and have been a full-time student for a minimum of nine (9) months.

2. Responsibilities of the Co-op Student - To secure employment and maintain your co-op standing you must:
   a) Accept primary responsibility for obtaining an acceptable co-op job.
   b) Notify your co-op program coordinator of any job that you find whether on your own or through the co-op office, within three days of accepting it.
   c) Notify your co-op program coordinator immediately of any change in your employment or academic status.
   d) Agree to release transcripts and resume to participating co-op employers who request them in paper or electronic format.
   e) Seriously consider appropriate employment when offered by co-op employers even though it is not within your preferred geographic area, or not your first choice for type of work.
   f) Honor your commitment once you accept a position and work as long as your services are required during the agreed upon period. You may not back out of or renege on an offer of employment once accepted.
   g) Conduct yourself in an ethical manner while on the job.
   h) Meet with your co-op program coordinator any time you have a problem or concern about your co-op interviews.
   i) Electronically submit a Student Work Report by the established deadline date for each quarter worked.
   j) Successfully complete a maximum of 2 quarters of co-op prior to your final academic quarter at RIT. Students must file separate and distinct work reports for each registered quarter of co-op.
   k) Acknowledge that wages earned while on co-op are subject to state and federal income taxes.
   l) Acknowledge that all hours worked during one registered co-op block contribute only to that block and may not be used in support of a petition for additional co-op credit.
   m) A grade will be issued for a registered co-op block only when both a Student Work Report and the corresponding Employer Evaluation have been submitted online.
   n) Satisfactory credit for a successful block of co-op may be withheld or denied based on an inadequate co-op work report or a severely negative co-op employer’s evaluation. A student who reneges on or backs out of an offer of employment once accepted may be assigned a grade of ‘F’ corresponding to that co-op experience.

3. Registering for Co-op
   a) Submit a current electronic resume to RIT Job Zone at http://www.rit.edu/co-op/careers.
   b) Notify the Co-op Office of your co-op position (report on RIT Job Zone).
   c) Submit a Co-op Registration form to the SE Office. The form is online at http://www.se.rit.edu/se/grad/forms.maml.
   d) International students must go to the International Student Services Office to obtain off campus work authorization in accordance with BCIS regulations.

Failure to comply with this Agreement may affect the awarding of your degree.

I have read and agree to the above stated rules and regulations.

Signature _______________________________ Date ________________

CS Certification ________________________ Date ________
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