

International Student Program

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OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Eligibility

To be considered for OPT employment in the United States, you must:

- have been lawfully enrolled on a full-time basis in F-1 status for at least 1 academic year (2 semesters);
- 2. work in a field or level or work directly related to your major of study;
- 3. limit your employment to 20 hours a week for pre-completion OPT done while school is in session.

Required Documents for International Student Program

- 1. Complete Optional Practical Training Request Form
- 2. Meet with a Counselor and have him/her complete Counselor Recommendation for Post Completion Optional Practical Training Form. (for Post-Completion OPT only)

Required Documents/ Evidence for USCIS

- 1. Form G-1145 (E-Notification of Application/ Petition Acceptance) (optional)
- 2. Fee of \$410 payable to "DHS" by check or money order.
- 3. 2 passport size photographs
- Original Form I-765 Application for Employment Authorization (can be downloaded from http://www.uscis.gov) marked in #16 with (C)(3)(A) for precompletion and (C)(3)(B) for post-completion OPT.
- 5. Photocopy of SEVIS Form I-20 with DSO's OPT recommendation.
- 6. Photocopies of all previous Form I-20s
- 7. Photocopy of Form I-94 (front and back)
- 8. Photocopy of passport showing validity date, biographical page, and nonimmigrant visa page.