

(Post Completion)

Optional Practical Training/OPT

Am I eligible? (circle the answer to find out)

-Are you an F-1 student? **Yes/No**

-Are you a college level student? **Yes/ No**

-Are you in a degree program (AA/AS/AAS) or 9 month STC? **Yes/No**

-Are you graduating this quarter or next? **Yes/No**

-Have you been enrolled full-time at least 12 credits [or been authorized for vacation quarter if enrolled less than full-time]

for the past 3 consecutive quarters? **Yes/No**

If ANY of your answers are NO, then you're NOT eligible!

If ALL answers above are YES, you are eligible to apply for OPT to get a work authorization after graduation. Read directions below.

- 1) Complete and Submit the **Post-Completion Optional Practical Training Request Form** to the front desk of IEP office. ***You will be contacted either your request is approved or not.*** No need to make an appointment with advisor at this point!!
- 2) When you are informed that your request is approved, prepare the following materials:
 - **Completed Form I-765/ Employment Authorization Application**
(Download from <http://uscis.gov/graphics/formsfee/forms/>)
 - **Two color passport photos** (white background only)
 - **Check for \$180** payable to "USCIS"
 - Your **valid passport** (must be valid at least for 6 months)
 - **F-1 visa page** (if the visa is in your old passport, bring it too)
 - **Form I-94** (a little white card, usually stapled in your passport)
 - Any previous Employment Authorization Document/ EAD card
- 3) Bring the application materials to the appointment with an Immigration Advisor.

You have up to 90 days before your graduation date to apply for Post- Completion OPT.

It may take up to 3-6 months to get an approval from Immigration's Service Center. So, plan ahead!

Note: **The post office will NOT forward any mail from USCIC.** If you are moving, or plan to move within few months, we strongly recommend that the IEP office's address (C/O International Education Program, SCCC 1701 Broadway SA102 Seattle WA 98122) be used on the I-765 form. In that way, the Notice of Action and your EAD [Employment Authorization Document] will not be lost!!