

## Optional Practical Training Quiz

Please read the following questions and answer options carefully and select the answer that you believe is correct. You must answer all questions correctly in order to receive your OPT I-20 and continue with your application to USCIS.

### In order to be eligible for OPT, how long must you have maintained lawful F-1 presence?

- 1 Semester
- 3 Months
- 6 Months
- 1 Year

### What does OPT employment have to be directly related to?

- A student's interests
- A student's degree/certificate program
- A student's previous degree
- A student's home country

### How long do you have to complete your OPT?

- 9 Months
- 16 Months
- 14 Months
- 12 Months

### How many days prior to your program end date can you apply for OPT?

- 90 Days
- 30 Days
- 60 Days
- 45 Days

### How many days after receiving your OPT I-20 do you have to apply to USCIS?

- 15 Days
- 30 Days
- 60 Days
- There is no time limit

**What is your program completion date?**

- The last day of my courses/finals at NCTC.
- The date listed on my I-20
- The day of my commencement ceremony
- A date determined by USCIS

**How long is the time period after your program start date?**

- 60 days
- 90 days
- 45 days
- 30 days

**What are your options after you complete your OPT with NCTC?**

- I have to leave the U.S. right away.
- I can stay in the U.S. for a maximum of 60 days
- I can transfer to another institution
- I can stay at NCTC but I have to start a new degree/certificate program
- I can apply for a Change of Status

**Do you have to remain with the same employer while on OPT?**

- Yes
- No
- Yes, but I can change positions within the same employer.
- No, but I have to have another job lined up so there isn't a gap between my employment.

**Can you begin work after receiving an Approval Notice from USCIS?**

- Yes, I can start work right after my program ends, even if I haven't received a decision yet.
- Yes! I can jump right in if I have a job lined up!
- No, I have to wait until I get my EAD card.
- No, I must wait until I have my EAD card and it is past the start date listed on the card.

**How many hours can you work while on OPT?**

- There is no limit to the amount of hours I can or cannot work on OPT.
- No more than 19 hours
- At least 20 hours
- At most 40 hours

**What documentation should I have with me at all times while on OPT? (Check all that apply)**

- Offer letters from each of my employers.
- My work ID cards
- All of my I-20s
- All of my EAD cards

**How many days of unemployment are allowed while on OPT?**

- 30 Days
- 60 Days
- 90 Days
- 60 Days during the first 6 months and 90 days during the second 6 months

**What visa do you hold while you are on approved OPT?**

- OPT Visa
- Work Visa
- EAD Visa
- F-1 Visa

**Can you travel after applying for OPT?**

- Yes, I can travel wherever I want to go in the world.
- Yes, but I can only travel in the U.S. or I risk forfeiting my OPT period if I leave the country.
- Yes, this is the best time to travel because my pending application means I can come back.
- No, I can't even travel outside of my state until I get a decision from USCIS.

**What is the minimum amount of pay you must receive while on OPT?**

- \$100,000/year
- \$50,000/year
- \$1,000/Month
- \$0

**What are your responsibilities as an F-1 student on OPT? (Check all that apply)**

- I must visit the international office once a year.
- I must enter all changes to my address in the SEVIS portal.
- I must report all employment via the SEVIS portal.
- I have to fill out a participation report every 6 months.
- I must send the international office my pay stubs every month.



# Optional Practical Training (OPT) Request

## OPT I-20 Request from NCTC

1. Review the OPT PowerPoint available on our website.
2. Complete this form along with the attached OPT Quiz and submit through email to international@nctc.edu.
3. If you get all answers correct on the quiz, the international office will proceed with your OPT I-20 request and send it to you through email. Please note that if any answer is incorrect on the quiz, you will be notified and must resubmit this form.

## Requesting OPT Authorization from USCIS

Submit your application with the following guidelines in mind:

- You can submit your application no earlier than 90 days before and no later than 60 days after the program end date listed on your I-20.
- You have 30 days to submit your application to USCIS after receiving your I-20. If you do not submit within this window, you must contact the international office for reauthorization.
- Any applications to USCIS that do not follow these guidelines will automatically be denied.

1. Visit USCIS.gov and create an account
2. Click "File a Form Online" and select "I-765 - Application for Employment Authorization"
3. Complete the application!

The following documents will be required for your application:

- Copy of Current Passport (must be valid for at least 6 months into the future)
- Copy of F-1 Visa
- Copy of Most Recent I-94 (Retrieve your I-94)
- Copies of Previous EAD Cards (if applicable)
- 2 Digital Color Passport-Size Photos (must have been taken within the last 6 months)
- Application fee of \$470 (for online filing)

**Check out the Guidance for Online Filing of Form I-765 for more information.**

## Section 1: Student Information

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| First and Middle Name:           |                   | Last Name:                                                                                        |
| Degree/Certificate Program Name: |                   |                                                                                                   |
| NCTC Student ID Number:          | Program End Date: | Desired OPT Start Date:<br><small>(Start date must be within 60 days of Program End Date)</small> |

## Section 2: Acknowledgements & Signature

I understand that if I depart the United States after my program of study ends but before receiving my physical OPT EAD card, I may lose eligibility for Optional Practical Training (OPT) and may be \_\_\_\_\_ denied reentry into the U.S..

I have completed the above requirements and information and understand the regulations \_\_\_\_\_ regarding OPT and its process.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_