

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

Application Process

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Complete ISSS's Online OPT session

www.miami.edu/OPT

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Submit all of your Application Documents to ISSS

Earliest: 90 days before your program end date

Latest: 40 days after program end date

Requested start date: within 60 days of your program end date

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Submit your Application and New I-20 to USCIS

7 business days after submission to ISSS

ISSS will notify you to sign and pick up your new I-20 along with application documents so you can mail them to USCIS

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Receive Form I-797C Notice of Action (Receipt Notice)

30 days after submission to USCIS

USCIS will mail your notice to the address provided on your I-765.

Check for correctness and submit a copy to ISSS

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Receive Employment Authorization Document (EAD)

90 -150 days after submission to USCIS

If OPT is approved, USCIS will mail your EAD to the address provided on your Form I-765. Submit a copy of EAD (front and back) to ISSS.

An updated I-20 will be issued for you

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Begin Employment and update SEVP Portal

You will receive instructions to access the portal via email from SEVP.

Report employment and changes to local address/phone number in portal.

You may not accrue an aggregate of 90 days of unemployment
