

# OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

## Application Process

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**Complete ISSS's Online OPT session**  
[www.miami.edu/OPT](http://www.miami.edu/OPT)

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**Submit application documents to ISSS at [www.miami.edu/optrequest](http://www.miami.edu/optrequest)**  
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**  
[Up to 5 business days after submission to ISSS](#)  
ISSS will email a new Form I-20 to you. Upon receipt of the I-20, submit your application documents to USCIS. Instructions will be provided.

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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 upload a copy at [www.miami.edu/optdocs](http://www.miami.edu/optdocs)

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**Receive Employment Authorization Document (EAD)**  
[1.5 months to 5 months after submission to USCIS](#)  
If OPT is approved, USCIS will mail your EAD to the address provided on your Form I-765. Upload a copy of your EAD (front and back) at [www.miami.edu/optdocs](http://www.miami.edu/optdocs). ISSS will email a new I-20 to 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

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