

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)

Application Process

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Complete ISSS's Online OPT session

www.miami.edu/OPT

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Complete the OPT application: www.miami.edu/optapplication

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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Mail your Application and New I-20 to USCIS

7 business days after submission to ISSS

ISSS will email a new Form I-20 to you. Upon receipt of the I-20, mail all of 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

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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. 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
