

Commitment Letter – Post-Completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) Regulatory obligations for F-1 students

While a Designated School Official (DSO) recommends OPT in SEVIS, it is the student's responsibility to apply for the work permit with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Request OPT Start Date: _____ (MM/DD/YYYY)

Choose a date within 60 days after your Program End Date

I acknowledge that:

- I have applied to graduate.
- I will complete or have completed my academic program.
- It is my responsibility to apply for the work permit with the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).
- Neither HCC nor the International Services & Programs Office is responsible for any errors or omissions in my OPT application packet or for the USCIS decision.
- I will file the Application for Employment Authorization (Form I-765), the fee, Form I-20 with the OPT recommendation, and support documentation with USCIS within 30 days of the DSO's recommendation.

I acknowledge I have to report on the following:

- Failure to graduate (immediately)
- Change of legal name or contact information (address, telephone, email) (within 10 business days).
- Employment information (name of employer, address, employment start date) via the [SEVP Portal](#) (within 10 days).
- Any communication from DHS to ISP, such as approvals (EAD), denials, or Requests for Evidence (as soon as received).

I acknowledge that if I accrue more than 90 days of unemployment while on OPT, my F-1 status may be terminated unless I have taken one of the following actions:

1. Applied to continue my education at Houston Community College.
2. Transferred to another certified school.
3. Departed the United States – provide the departure date.
4. Changed my legal status (if applicable).

STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: I have read the above statement regarding OPT application and obligatory reporting requirements, and I realize that I must follow these rules to remain in legal status in the U.S.

Last Name (Print)

First Name (Print)

Signature

Date(MM/DD/YYYY)