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Center for International Programs
International Student Services Office
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HOW TO MAINTAIN F-1 STATUS WHILE ON OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT)/ STEM Extension AFTER GRADUATION

To maintain status while on OPT:

- Employment may not begin **until the EAD is received**. Of course, you may only work during the valid dates of your EAD card.
- The EAD for Optional Practical Training will allow you to work only in a job related to your major area of study.
- Once authorized, you may accept employment anywhere in the United States.
- While you are on OPT, you must notify Center for International Programs of any change of address within 10 days of your move. Please e-mail your new address to international@newpaltz.edu
- While you are on OPT, you must notify the Center for International Programs of your employer's name and address, and any periods of unemployment while on OPT.
- You must also report every six months to the Center for International Programs to verify your name & address as well as the name and address of your employer.
- While you are on OPT, you must get your I-20 signed every six months.
- If you transfer to another school or begin study at another educational level, then your OPT authorization will be automatically terminated.

When contacting the Center for International Programs with address, employment address or employment time frames, please email international@newpaltz.edu or visit our website at http://www.newpaltz.edu/isso and click on the OPT Student Address/Employment Update link or simply complete the bottom portion of this page and fax back to the Center for International Programs at Fax: (845) 257-3608.

Student Information:

Student Name: _____ Student ID: N_____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

New Updated Address:_____

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City State Zip

OPT Start Date: _____ OPT End Date:_____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Employer Information:

Name of Company/ Organization: _____

Supervisor's Name: _____ Supervisor's Phone #:_____

Employer's Address: _____

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City State Zip

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□ Address updated in SEVIS & fsaAtlas