Optional Practical Training 
*(Post-completion)*
Employment Workshop

Plus TN visa & H1B visa information
Workshop Agenda

• What is OPT?
• Who Qualifies?
• UTEP Internal Rules
• Steps to Requesting OPT
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  • Choosing your dates
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  • Reporting requirements
• Extending OPT
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What is Optional Practical Training (OPT)?

- Type of work authorization for F-1/F-3 student visa holders
- Recommended by OIP, approved by USCIS
- Granted to work in the U.S. after completion of studies for up to 12 months (*longer if eligible for 24-month extension*).
- Must be for employment directly related to the degree you have just completed/will complete
- OPT is available for each degree level completed, provided you move from a lower to a higher degree (certificate programs are GR level)
- Employment can be paid or non-paid
- Do not need a job offer to apply
  - Allows a cushion of 90 days to be unemployed/seeking employment
Who Qualifies?

• What the federal regulations say:
  • Must be a currently enrolled student
  • Hold the F-1 or F-3 visa
  • Have been in status for at least one academic year including term of application
  • Have been enrolled full time or equivalent for one academic year at the time you begin OPT
    • Full time is:
      • Undergraduate students: 12 credits hours per semester
      • Graduate students: 9 credit hours per semester
      • Part-time Border Commuters: 1 academic course per term
      • Reduced Course Load permission
  • Have less than 12 months of full-time CPT at current level
Who Qualifies?

- UTEP Internal Rules
  - Attend mandatory workshop
  - Thesis/dissertation route students can choose defense date as their program end date
  - To be hired by UTEP during OPT, position must be full time or a volunteer position and not a student position
How To Request OPT

Part A
• Step 1: Attend/Review this workshop
• Step 2: Apply for graduation
• Step 3: Read and complete OPT application. Submit it to OIP
• Step 4: Prepare forms I-765 and G-1145
• Step 5: Pick up I-20 from OIP

Part B
• Step 6: Prepare packet to mail to USCIS
• Step 7: Receive I-797C receipt notice from USCIS
• Step 8: Be actively seeking employment during average 3 months processing time
• Step 9: Obtain Employment Authorization Document (EAD) from USCIS
• Step 10: Begin working on the start date listed on your EAD
• Step 11: Continue reporting to OIP

• Extra Step: If you do not have a Social Security Number, you will need to apply for one after USCIS approves your OPT

• NOTE: If you qualify, you can apply for an extension of OPT up to 120 days before your 1st OPT expires
Part A: Apply for Graduation

• Attend graduation workshop
  • Download and complete application for degree from Records Website
• Must be recorded in Banner by the time OPT application is submitted to OIP
Part A: OPT Application to OIP

- OIP processing time is a maximum of 5 business days
- OIP will recommend OPT in SEVIS and issue an I-20 for you to include in your packet to USCIS

- In order to guarantee enough time to process and send the packet in time to USCIS, OIP has set the following deadlines:

  - Feb 2, 2017 – OIP deadline for Fall 2016 graduates
  - June 28, 2017 – OIP deadline for Spring 2017 graduates
  - Sept 22, 2017 - OIP deadline for Summer 2017 graduates
OPT Application Window

Fall 2016 graduates: September 11, 2016 – February 08, 2017
Spring 2017 graduates: February 12, 2017 – July 12, 2017
Summer 2017 graduates: May 9, 2017 – October 6, 2017

These dates apply to the period of time during which the OPT packet can be submitted to the USCIS office. Please factor in 5 business days of processing at OIP and the time your packet takes to get mailed to USCIS. Applying later may result in not getting the full 12 months of OPT.
Choosing Your OPT Dates

- Fall 2016 graduates: December 11, 2016 – February 08, 2017
- Spring 2017 graduates: May 14, 2017 – July 12, 2017

- If you have a job offer already, this will help you choose your start date
- If you have no offer, or need a little extra time for thesis or dissertation, choose a later start date

These dates are dictated by the regulatory requirement that post-completion OPT must begin after the student has competed degree requirements and must end **no more than 14 months** after degree completion.
Part A: Prepare Forms

• While you wait for your OPT application to be processed at OIP:

  • Visit our website and complete forms:
    • I-765
    • G-1145

• For visuals, go to next slide
Form I-765 (Required Form)

Choose if this is the first time you complete this form

Only choose if you have ever completed this form before
**Form I-765 (Required Form)**

1. Full Name  
   (Family Name) (First Name) (Middle Name)  
   SHOULD MATCH PASSPORT

2. Other Names Used (include Maiden Name)

3. U.S. Mailing Address  
   (Street Number and Name) (Apt. Number)  
   (Town or City) (State) (ZIP Code)  
   MAKE SURE IT WILL BE VALID IN 3-4 MONTHS

4. Country of Citizenship or Nationality

5. Place of Birth  
   (Town or City) (State/Province) (Country)

6. Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy)  
   CHECK THE FORMAT

7. Gender  
   [ ] Male  
   [ ] Female

8. Marital Status  
   [ ] Married  
   [ ] Single  
   [ ] Divorced  
   [ ] Widowed
### Form I-765 (Required Form)

9. Social Security Number (Include all numbers you have ever used, if any)
   - **NOT MANDATORY TO APPLY**

10. Alien Registration Number (A-Number) or Form I-94 Number (if any)
    - **USE I-94 #**

11. Have you ever before applied for employment authorization from USCIS?
    - Yes (Complete the following questions.)
      - Which USCIS Office?
      - Results (Granted or Denied - attach all documentation)
    - No (Proceed to Question 12.)

12. Date of Last Entry into the U.S., on or about (mm/dd/yyyy)
    - **DATE ON I-94**

13. Place of Last Entry into the U.S.
    - **SEE STAMP IN PASSPORT/I-94. Last city where you entered the U.S.**

14. Status at Last Entry (B-2 Visitor, F-1 Student, No Lawful Status, etc.)
    - **F-1 STUDENT or F-3 STUDENT**

Mark “yes” only if you have ever completed this form. Does not refer to CPT or On-Campus Employment.
Form I-765 (Required Form)

15. Current Immigration Status (Visitor, Student, etc.)

STUDENT

16. Eligibility Category. Go to the “Who May File Form I-765?” section of the Instructions. In the space below, place the letter and number of the eligibility category you selected from the instructions. For example, (a)(8), (c)(17)(iii), etc.

   ( c ) ( 3 ) ( B )

17. (c)(3)(C) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(3)(C) in Question 16 above, list your degree, your employer's name as listed in E-Verify, and your employer's E-Verify Company Identification Number or a valid E-Verify Client Company Identification Number in the space below.

   Degree
   Employer's Name as listed in E-Verify

18. (c)(26) Eligibility Category. If you entered the eligibility category (c)(26) in Question 16 above, please provide the receipt number of your H-1B principal spouse's most recent Form I-797 Notice of Approval for Form I-129.
What Will the E-Mail or Text Message Include?

The message will provide a receipt number as information but will not constitute official notice of acceptance. The e-mail notice will also provide a brief statement on how to get additional information about the status of your case.

USCIS will then send the official receipt notice, Form I-797C, Notice of Action, to the person seeking the benefit or the person’s representative, as appropriate, via the U.S. Postal Service. There will be no e-Notification for acceptance of Form G-28. E-mail or text messages that cannot be delivered will not be retransmitted.

What If I Want to Submit Multiple Applications?

If you are submitting multiple immigration forms for one applicant, please clip this entire form with the e-mail address and/or cell phone number (see below) to the front of the first immigration form of the package. You will receive a separate e-mail and/or text message for each accepted immigration form.

Complete this form and clip it on top of the first page of your immigration form(s).

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No. USCIS assumes no legal responsibility for your costs to receive e-mail and text messages. USCIS will not reimburse you for any costs related to e-Notification.

How Can I Request E-Mails or Text Messages?

If you submit your immigration form(s) to a USCIS lockbox facility and include your e-mail and/or cell phone number in the appropriate box below, USCIS will use this information as permission to send an e-Notification to you.

Paperwork Reduction Act

An agency may not conduct or sponsor an information collection and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated at three minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions and completing and submitting the form. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Regulatory Management Division, 111 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., 3rd Floor, Suite 3008, Washington, DC 20529-2210. OMB No. 1615-0109. Do not mail your application to this address.
Part A: Pick up I-20

• 5 business days later, you will receive an e-mail from an advisor at OIP advising you whether or not you are eligible for OPT.

• If you are, we will give you an I-20 with an OPT recommendation recorded on the third page.

• Review I-20 for errors. If no errors, sign it and make a copy of it for your application; keep original for yourself.
Applying for OPT may result in a change to your I-20 expiration date. The new date will reflect your graduating term:

Fall 2016 graduates: Dec 10, 2016  
Spring 2017 graduates: May 13, 2017

Your program end date may have changed. To approve OPT, we must shorten I-20 to the last day of the graduating term.

[Image of a sample OPT form]
This Is What An OPT Recommendation Looks Like

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<td><strong>EMPLOYMENT STATUS</strong></td>
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<td>REQUESTED - FULL TIME</td>
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<td><strong>EMPLOYMENT START DATE</strong></td>
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<td>13 DECEMBER 2015</td>
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<td><strong>EMPLOYER NAME</strong></td>
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<td>The student has met the 1 full academic year requirement</td>
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**COMMENTS**
Recommended for 12 mo. full-time post-completion OPT (C)(3)(B) starting 12/13/15 or from date of adjudication. Program completion date: 12/12/2015 Student will seek employment in Computer Software

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Part B: Prepare packet to mail to USCIS

- The OPT Application packet that you will mail to USCIS must include all of the following:
  - Copies of:
    - Your new I-20 with OPT recommendation
    - Visa
    - Passport (bio page)
    - I-94 (front and back). [Click here](#) to print your I-94.
  - Original I-765
  - Original G-1145 (optional)
  - Two passport sized pictures (write in pencil your name & I-94 number on the back)
  - Payment of $380 ($410 after 12/23/16) to “Department of Homeland Security” (personal check or money order)
  - Copies of your previous EAD (if applicable)
Part B: Prepare packet to mail to USCIS

- Mail your application to US CIS using a traceable method
  - If using US Postal service, use certified mail with return receipt or any other traceable options.
  - Courier mail carriers (DHL, FedEx, etc.)

- Make sure to mail your packet within 30 days of your I-20 being issued. Mailing after 30 days may result in your application being returned.

- Application is received in a lockbox facility where it is reviewed for completeness. If complete, it is forwarded to a processing center.
  - A receipt will be printed and sent to you (Form I-797C)
  - If you filed G-1145, you will receive notification that your application was received by USCIS
Receive I-797C notice of action from USCIS

Start counting the average 3 months of processing from this date
Your OPT start date can be as early as the day after graduation or as late as 60 days after graduation. Depending on when you mail your application, you might or might not receive your requested OPT start date. If you apply late you may not receive the entire 12 months of OPT.

Remember: You may only work during the OPT card approval dates.
While Pending OPT Approval

• **VERY IMPORTANT:** Has your graduation been delayed? Please see an advisor at OIP.

• You are **not allowed** to work between end of program and start of OPT, **not even on campus**.
  • Some graduate students wish to use the first part of their OPT to finish out their last month of a TA / RA appointment
    • i.e. Spring graduate:
      • program end date 05/10/2016, TA appointment is through 05/31/2016
      • if OPT approved by 05/10/2016 with start date of 05/11/2016, student may work through the end of the appointment as RA / TA

• It is okay to travel within the U.S.
• We don’t recommend travel outside the U.S. during this time, but it is possible to return with OPT Notice of action (I-797C). Be prepared for questioning.
Once OPT is Approved

• OPT card arrives to mailing address on I-765

• Download from our website or visit our office for the OPT Notification Form
  • This form must be submitted to OIP in compliance with federal regulations; for reporting employment
Once OPT is Approved

OPT Card (EAD/I-766)

Notation of “not valid for reentry” is on every OPT card issued; means card by itself is not sufficient to reenter US; must have valid passport, visa & I-20 to enter
Maintaining Status While on OPT

• You can work/volunteer as much as you like

• You can have multiple jobs, but each job must be related to the degree you just completed at UTEP

• You must work/volunteer at least 20 hours per week

• You can change jobs / companies. You need to report each change to our office.

• If you are Mexican, it is fine to live in Mexico and cross for work in the U.S.

• If you have an F-3 visa OR applied for OPT with a part-time Border Commuter I-20, you must reside in Mexico during your OPT and are limited to employment in the border area.
Maintaining Status While on OPT

• You should be actively looking for a job! Volunteer work counts to maintain your immigration status.

• You must report all employment / unemployment to OIP within 10 days of a change & every 6 months by submitting an OPT Notification form to the office of International Programs.

• You must report any change in residential address within 10 days of the change.

• You can only have a maximum of 90 days of unemployment (throughout the entire year).
Importance of Reporting

• It is VERY IMPORTANT that you report all and any employment, volunteering and unemployment.

• When you don’t report, it may seem like you have accumulated 90 or more days of unemployment.

• Accumulating 90 days of unemployment may result in loss of status and termination of your SEVIS record by USCIS, not OIP.

• You report by submitting the OPT Notification form to OIP
Unemployment During OPT

• If you have reached 90 days of unemployment:
  • You may not use your OPT permit to accept any offers of employment.
  • The card is no longer valid.
  • You have lost status and must exit the U.S. immediately. You do not have a grace period.

• To maintain status, your choices before hitting the 90 day mark are:
  • Beginning another academic program which starts within 5 months (must have I-20 by 90th day of unemployment)
  • Applying to change your visa status
  • Returning to your home country immediately
How to Calculate OPT Unemployment

Example 1

- Jan 15, 2016: Start date on EAD card & no job (unemployed)
- Apr 15 last (90th day) of permitted unemployment
- Unemployed from Jan 15 to Apr 15

Last day of OPT on EAD: Jan 14, 2017

http://www.timeanddate.com/date/duration.html
How to Calculate OPT Unemployment

Example 2

How many days of unemployment are still available?

Jan 14, 2017: Last day of OPT on EAD

Jan 15, 2016: Start date on EAD card and first day of Job A

May 15: End of Job A

Answer: 90 Days
How to Calculate OPT Unemployment

Example 3

Jan 15, 2016: Start date on EAD card and first day of Job A

Mar 30: End of Job A

May 2nd: Start of Job B

Jul 30th: End of Job B

Aug 15: Start of Job C

Sept 30th: End of Job C

Nov 12th Last (90th day of Permitted unemployment)

last day of OPT on EAD Jan 14, 2017

Jan
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Jan

Unemployed Mar 31 to May 1st
Unemployed July 31st to Aug 14th
Unemployed Oct 1st to Nov 12th

90 – 32 = 58 days of unemployment
58 – 15 = 43 days of unemployment
43 – 43 = 0 more days of unemployment
Travel: Exit/Reentry to the U.S. on OPT

• When traveling abroad while on OPT, please consider the following:

• If you are going to Canada, Mexico or the Caribbean islands, you can re-enter the U.S. with an expired F-1 / F-3 visa as long as your trip is 30 days or less (*automatic visa revalidation*).
  • *Exception: students from Iran, Syria, Sudan*
• If you are going to another country, you MUST have an unexpired F-1 / F-3 visa to re-enter the U.S.

• When reentering the U.S.:

• You are still a student!! If asked by an immigration official, remember that you are on practical training, and not “going to work.”
• The law requires proof that you are returning for purposes of practical training; therefore, you will need a job offer letter, copies of pay stubs, etc.

• [Click here](#) for more information on traveling outside the U.S.)
Special Considerations

• Duration of status: “grace period” is 60 days after program end date AND end of OPT

• Beginning an academic program at another level automatically cancels any remaining OPT

• Mexican students: do not use the OPT solely to live in the US; you must be working in US as well
Extending OPT for STEM degrees

- Extension of 24 months
- Limited to two STEM OPT extensions during the students lifetime
- Must be on 1st 12 months of OPT to apply
- Must have just completed a STEM degree (science, technology, engineering or mathematics)
- Must not have accumulated more than 90 days of unemployment
- Employer must be enrolled in E-Verify program
- All employers you have must be e-verified
- Submit Form I-983 “Training Plan for STEM OPT Students” for each employer
- You can apply up to 120 days prior to expiration of current OPT
- Can apply for a STEM degree completed in the U.S. for a past degree

- Allows U.S. employers to continue to hire skilled workers in fields with a shortage / in demand (science, technology, engineering & mathematics)
- OPT extension allows more chances to apply for H-1b

- Certificate programs are not eligible for OPT extension
Extending OPT

• Process to extend OPT is similar to when you applied for your first year of OPT.
  • Download OPT extension form
  • Submit it to OIP (can submit in person or by email to oip@utep.edu)
  • Submit Form I-983 “Training Plan for STEM OPT Students”
  • Submit proof of STEM degree obtained in the U.S. (if you are applying for a past degree)
  • OIP processing time is 5 business days
  • OIP will recommend OPT in SEVIS and issue an I-20 for you to include in your packet to USCIS

• You must submit your application to USCIS before the EXPIRATION DATE of the OPT EAD card
• You are allowed to keep working up to 180 days with old EAD until extension application is approved
• If extension is denied, then employment stop immediately or at the end of 1st OPT & 60-day grace period begins
• You will have a grace period at the end of your OPT extension
Extending OPT

• You will mail the following to USCIS:

  • Copies of:
    • Your new I-20 with OPT STEM recommendation
    • Visa
    • Passport (bio page)
    • I-94 (front and back). Click here to print your I-94 if you were assigned an electronic I-94 at the time of entry.

  • Original I-765
  • Original G-1145 (optional)
  • Copy of form I-983 “Training Plan for STEM OPT Students”
  • Copies of your previous EAD
  • Copy of diploma/official transcript
  • Two passport sized pictures (write in pencil your name & I-94 number on the back)
  • Payment of $380 ($410 after 12/23/16) (personal check or money order)
2016 OPT STEM Changes

• STEM OPT for new applicants and certain qualified individuals has been expanded from 17 months to 24 months.

• Students can qualify for a STEM extension based on the completion of a previous STEM degree. (For example, if a student completed a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science in the US but did not apply for a STEM extension and then went on to complete a MBA, the student could now qualify to apply for a STEM extension based on the Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science.)

• The student and their employer have to complete a Form I-983 “Training Plan for STEM OPT Students” together to include with the new STEM OPT application.

• Students are required to submit an “Evaluation on Student Progress (part of the Form I-983)” within 12 months of the STEM Employment Authorization Document (EAD) starting date as well as a “Final Evaluation on Student Progress” at the end of the STEM OPT period.

http://sa.utep.edu/oip/opt/new-stem-opt-policy/
Transitioning to Employment Visas

- NAFTA / TN visa ("Trade National" visa):
  - For Mexicans & Canadians
  - Must have job offer to apply
  - Employment must be on the published "Professional Occupations" list for TN visa
  - Granted for up to 3 years, renewable
  - Non-immigrant visa

The Office of International Programs is not able to provide formal advising in regards to work visas. This information is to provide a general orientation to work options in the U.S. For info and job list, see [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)
Transitioning to Employment Visas

• H-1b visa:
  • Dual intent visa (may apply for permanent residency from this status)
  • Employer sponsors student & pays fees
  • Filing period: starts April 1\textsuperscript{st} of each year (private sector); any time of year for public institutions
  • Cap (private sector employment only): 65,000 per year; addt’l 20,000 adv. degrees
  • Status / approval date begins Oct 1\textsuperscript{st} for private companies, on approval date for public institutions
  • Must show student has skills that are hard to find among U.S. workforce
  • Granted for 3 years, renewable another 3
H-1b Cap Gap Relief

- What is it? A way to bridge gap between end of OPT & start of H-1b status on Oct 1
- Only for students who are petitioned for H-1b for private sector employers
  - Example: File for H1b on April 1\textsuperscript{st}, OPT ends on June 15\textsuperscript{th}. On April 25\textsuperscript{th} student has receipt that H1b app is pending. May continue working from June 16\textsuperscript{th} through Oct 1\textsuperscript{st} with Cap-Gap.

- Due to timing issues, only relevant for spring and summer graduates OR fall graduates applying for H-1b during OPT extension period.
  - Why? A student’s OPT who graduated in Fall will end between Dec-Feb, long before the April 1\textsuperscript{st} filing period for the private sector.
H-1b “Cap-Gap” Relief

• Students whose employers file the H-1b petition, request change of status on April 1st and have RECEIPTED petition:
  • Have maintained F-1 / F-3 status
  • Can keep working between end of OPT and Oct 1st
  • Should request an updated I-20 from OIP
• This applies to any major
• If H-1b petition denied, then student must stop working once OPT ends & 60-day grace period begins

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• What is Optional Practical Training (OPT)?

a. Work authorization for US citizen

b. Work authorization granted by USCIS to F visa holders who will or have graduated recently

c. An optional tuition payment plan for students who owe more than $3800 USD
b. Work authorization granted by USCIS to F visa holders who will or have graduated recently
OPT Quiz

Who qualifies for OPT?

a. An F visa holder who has been in status for at least one academic year, has not accrued a year or more of full-time CPT and who will/has graduated

b. An F visa holder who has wants to apply for permanent residency in the U.S.

c. Any student who wants to work off-campus
a. An F visa holder who has been in status for at least one academic year, has not accrued a year or more of full-time CPT and who will/has graduated
OPT Quiz

- What are the steps to apply for OPT?

  a. Submit OPT application to USCIS
     - Wait 3 months
     - Apply for graduation
     - Begin working only on campus

  b. Apply for graduation
     - Submit I-20 to OIP for employment signature
     - Start working anywhere

  c. Review the OPT workshop
     - Apply for graduation
     - Submit OPT application to OIP
     - Pick up I-20 and prepare packet
     - Mail OPT packet to USCIS
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   Apply for graduation
   Submit OPT application to OIP
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   Mail OPT packet to USCIS
OPT Quiz

- What is the time frame to submit the OPT application to USCIS?

  a. 120 days before graduation and 30 days after graduation

  b. 90 days before graduation and 60 days after graduation

  c. 30 before graduation and 60 days after graduation
Answer

b. 90 days before graduation and 60 days after graduation
OPT Quiz

• How many days of unemployment can a student on OPT accrue before violating status?

  a. 180 days
  b. 120 days
  c. 90 days
Answer

c. 90 days
OPT Quiz

What can happen if a student does not report his activities during OPT?

a. Nothing will happen

b. He will be cited and will have to pay a fee to USCIS

c. His SEVIS record could be terminated and he could lose his status
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OPT Quiz

Who qualifies for the OPT STEM extension?

a. Students who are in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields

b. Students who have accrued 90 days of unemployment and are in the business field

c. Students who have maintained status while on first 12 months of OPT and who are in the science, technology, engineering and mathematics fields
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USEFUL RESOURCES

- USCIS: Practical Training information page
- USCIS Visa Guide
- USCIS Case Status
- USCIS Case Inquiry/Service Request/Corrections
- OPT Policy Guidance
- List of Eligible STEM Majors
- OIP OPT Info page
- USCIS Expedite Criteria
- USCIS Fee Waiver
- E-Verify Employer Search Tool
- 2016 OPT STEM Changes
- Information about Form I-983
- Study in the States
Questions ???

Please send all questions to oip@utep.edu

Please include your name and student ID# in email

Click on next and final slide
IMPORTANT

You have not completed the online OPT Workshop.
Please email your name, student ID and a brief sentence stating the workshop you have just reviewed to oip@utep.edu

Workshop review is mandatory