

What is OPT?

Post-completion OPT is a benefit for international students who have completed a course of studies. Students may work up to 12 months after the completion of a program. Students in certain programs may apply for a 17 month extension to their OPT.

The employment must provide practical training experience in your field of study.

Students are eligible for a 12 months of OPT for each level of education they complete. One year for bachelors, one year for masters and one year for a doctorate.

A student must attend an OPT Application Session to apply for OPT. Application sessions are at the beginning of every month.

Who qualifies for OPT?

Students on an F-1 (student) visa who are not "out of status". Students who have been in full time student status for at least 9 months at The University of Findlay and who have completed their program of study.

What do you do?

It is best to anticipate the date you wish to begin OPT by 90 days and apply EARLY! You may apply up to 90 days before you complete your studies.

An OPT Application Session packet is available for download under F1 Immigration on the Office of International Admissions and Services website. Download and read the packet carefully and complete all the paperwork in the packet.

Sign up in our office for an OPT Application Session. We will have an OPT Application Session at the beginning of every month. These sessions are mandatory for every student wishing to apply for OPT. We will go over all OPT information and help you complete your application in the session.