Academic Adviser Recommendation for Optional Practical Training

Optional Practical Training (OPT), employment authorization in the student's field of studies, is available to F-1 students who have been under the F-1 status for at least one academic year. The work being performed must be in the student's major field of studies. The student need not have a job offer in order to apply for the work authorization.

There are two types of OPT: 1) Pre-completion practical training – employment before completion of studies; 2) Post-Completion practical training – employment after completion of studies. **Completion of studies is defined as the earliest day the academic advisor can verify the student has completed all course work and fulfilled all requirements to obtain his/her degree, including any thesis projects**. Both forms of work authorization are available to Philadelphia University students.

TO BE COMPLETED BY ACADEMIC ADVISER:

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Student's name ID Number

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Major Degree level Expected Completion Date

Has the student made normal progress towards the completion of his/her program?

Comments: _____

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How are the goals and objectives of the employment a part of the goals and objectives of the academic program? _____

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Academic Advisor's Signature Typed/Printed name

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EXT. # Date