



The International Center of Winthrop University

Optional Practical Training Application -Verification of Completion Date of Program

Student's Name: _____

(Last)

(First)

Winthrop ID Number: _____ Major: _____

Degree Program: _____ Bachelor's _____ Master's

OPT Start Date: _____ Type of OPT Applied For: _____ Full-time _____ Part-time

ACADEMIC ADVISOR'S RECOMMENDATION

International students holding F-1 visas can apply to the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) for permission to work for up to 12 months to gain experience in their field of study. These 12 months of work experience are called Optional Practical Training (OPT). Winthrop University must recommend a student for this benefit. Please complete the following only if you recommend this student for OPT on the basis of his/her good academic standing and acceptable progress towards a degree. Please check the statement that applies to this student:

- checkbox This student is in good academic standing, but will not have completed formal coursework requirements for the degree by the time he/she plans to begin OPT work.
checkbox This student will have completed all formal coursework requirements for the degree by the time he/she plans to begin OPT work, but will still be working on a thesis or project.
checkbox This student will have completed all requirements for the degree by the time he/she plans to begin OPT work, and will graduate on _____.

I recommend this student for the period of OPT he/she is applying for.

Faculty Advisor's Signature

Date

For Graduate Students only -

I certify that this student, up to this time in his/her degree program, has completed all formal paperwork required by the Graduate School.

Graduate Studies Signature

Date

09/2008