

CPT/OPT reminders

An advisor will be able to process your CPT/OPT every Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 12pm.



F-1 students who graduated in December 2012 and plan to apply for post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) are reminded that they must submit their application paperwork to the Slutzker Center and then send the processed documents to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) so that it is received at the USCIS **no later than 60 days** after their degree completion date i.e. February 14th, 2012.

F-1 students who have not yet begun the practical training application process are urged to do so soon so that you will have the best possible opportunity to obtain your employment authorization card (EAD) in a timely manner. Currently, it is taking the USCIS Service Centers approximately 70-90 days to process OPT employment authorization applications. Employment cannot begin until you have the card "in your hands".

Also, a student in F-1 or J-1 status cannot be employed away from the Syracuse University campus unless they have obtained appropriate federal authorization to do so before employment can begin. This includes internships, research and volunteering.

Seminars – Slutzker Center for International Services conducts CPT/OPT seminars for providing detailed information about the processes that need to be taken care of for a student's CPT/OPT. The schedule for seminars is as given below

- **First and third Wednesday of each month**
- **Second Friday of each month**

All seminars held at 3pm for CPT and 3:45pm for OPT