

# Ending OPT

## Optional Practical Training

OPT students who have not exceeded their unemployment allowance have a 60-day grace period once their OPT has ended. Students have several options during this period which include:

- departing the United States,
- beginning a new program of study at Stan State,
- transferring to a new school to begin a new program of study.

You must notify International Student Services *10 days before the end* of the 60-day grace period if you wish to begin a new program at Stan State or transfer. In order to issue a new I-20 you must have been accepted to a new program at Stan State before the end of the 60-day grace period. In order to transfer to a different school, you must provide a copy of your acceptance letter before the end of the 60-day grace period. The rules governing the 60-day grace period are set by SEVP and are not under the control of Stanislaus State University. Please understand that once your 60-day grace period has expired, you will need a new I-20 with a new SEVIS number, you will need to pay a new I-901 fee, and you will need to travel outside of the US to activate your new I-20. The only other alternative is [reinstatement](#). However, you must be able to prove that the circumstances were outside of your control in order to apply for reinstatement.