



24-Month STEM Extension Request

** Please allow 5 full business days for processing a complete application **

STEM Extension is an additional 24 months of post-completion Optional Practical Training (OPT) granted to certain government-designated STEM degree-holders in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics.

A student can apply for a STEM Extension if:

- The student is currently participating in post-completion OPT, or in an authorized period of 17-Month STEM Extension with at least 150 days remaining before the end of the student's 17-Month OPT end date.
- The student is currently working for a U.S. employer in a paid job (at least 20 hours per week) directly related to the student's major area of study.
- The student must have successfully completed a bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degree in a field on the [STEM Designated Degree Program List](#) from an accredited, SEVP-certified, U.S. institution of higher education or must have completed all course requirements but still completing his or her thesis, dissertation, starred paper, or capstone.
- The student's employer must be registered with the E-Verify employment verification system and have an IRS Employer Identification Number (EIN).

Under certain circumstances, a student may use a prior STEM degree from a currently accredited SEVP-certified school. To do so, the student must:

- Have received their most recent degree (which does not need to be a STEM Designated Degree Program) from an SEVP-certified school that is currently accredited.
- Have received their prior, qualifying [STEM degree](#) (at the bachelor's level or higher), within 10 years preceding the date of application for the 24-Month STEM Extension with USCIS.

Student Information:

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

SCSU ID#: _____ OPT Degree Major(s) at St. Cloud State University: _____

Phone number: _____ Personal e-mail: _____

Address (while participating in STEM Extension): _____

STEM Transition:

Are you currently on a 17-Month STEM Extension and requesting an additional 7 months of OPT STEM Extension?

YES*: ____ NO: ____ (*If YES, please be aware that your 17-month EAD must end *after* October 7, 2016)

***Your application must be filed with a least 150 days left on your current STEM Extension.

The final deadline is August 8, 2016. No 7-Month STEM Extensions will be considered by USCIS after that time.***

STEM Degree Information:

STEM Degree Level: UG: ____ GRAD: ____ DOCT: ____ End date listed on your current EAD: _____

Did you receive your STEM Degree at St. Cloud State University? YES: ____ NO: ____

- If NO, then at what school? _____

Have you ever had an OPT STEM Extension before? YES: ____ NO: ____

- If YES, list the dates of your *previous* STEM Extension: _____
- If YES, what was the degree level for your *previous* STEM Extension? UG: ____ GRAD: ____ DOCT: ____

I understand the responsibilities required for maintaining F-1 status during my period of STEM OPT authorization and I am responsible for all reporting requirements.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____