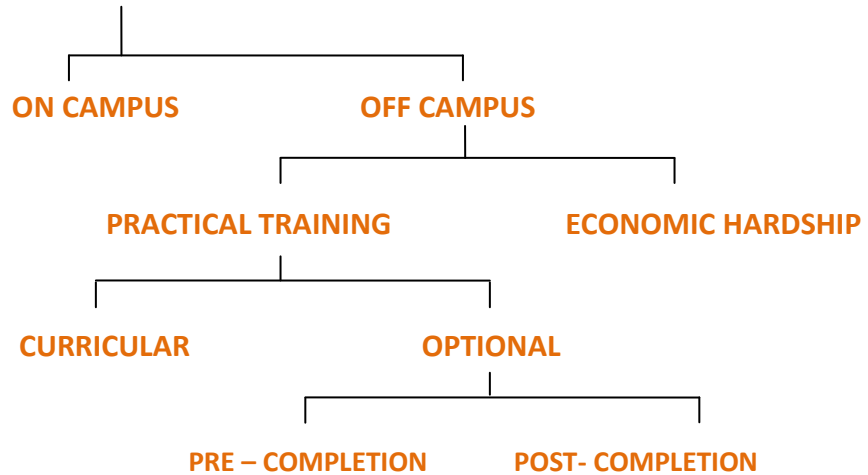


# Employment Options for International Students in F-1 Student Status

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## WORK PERMISSION



Employment Option	Description	Eligibility	Limitations	Authorization
<b>Employment on Campus</b>	Employment on campus with the school itself or with an independent company serving the school's needs.	F-1 Status	Max. 20 hours per week during school year, full time during vacation periods.	From DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs
<b>Employment as part of a scholarship</b>	Employment as a part of a scholarship, fellowship or assistantship related to your field of study; can be off-campus, though payment must come from the school	F-1 Status	Max. 20 hours per week during school year, full time during vacation periods.	From DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs

<p><b>Employment based on Economic Hardship</b></p>	<p>Employment after one year of study if there has been an unforeseen change in your financial position (such as large devaluation of your country's currency, loss of a scholarship, large tuition increase, etc.)</p>	<p>F-1 status for at least one academic year, good academic standing, continued full-time student status, unforeseen financial hardship, and/or inability to find on-campus employment</p>	<p>Max. 20 hours per week during school year, full time during vacation periods; permission granted for one year at a time.  See DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs</p>	<p>From Immigration and Naturalization Service</p>
<p><b>Curricular Practical Training (CPT)</b></p>	<p>Employment as a part of a student's education experience, offered by an employer through agreement with the school</p>	<p>F-1 status for at least one academic year (which can be waived for graduate students under certain circumstances) and/or continued student status</p>	<p>Limited internships, co-op education, alternate work/study programs, required practicums.</p>	<p>From DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs</p>
<p><b>Optional Practical Training (OPT)</b></p>	<p>Employment for upto one year after graduation in a job related to your field of study; OPT may start before graduation under specific circumstances</p>	<p>F-1 status for at least nine months; need not have an offer of employment</p>	<p>Not eligible if you have already worked for at least one year of full-time CPT; OPT can only be for full-time jobs</p>	<p>Recommendation from DSO, Pratt Office of International Affairs, mailed to INS for approval</p>