



## F-1 Options After Program of Study

Congratulations! You are in your last semester in your program of study here at Cerritos College. As an F-1 student, it is important to know your options on what you are able to do after your program end date, indicated on your SEVIS record/I-20. F-1 students who complete their program have a 60-day grace period that begins the day after their program end date.

To maintain your status, F-1 student may be eligible to elect to one of the following options:

- Option 1: Apply for Another Program at Cerritos College**
  - You may be eligible to pursue another program of study upon the completion of your current program. Should you wish to apply for another program, please refer to the application process that is listed on the Office of International Student Service [webpage](#).
- Option 2: Transfer-Out to Another School**
  - You may choose to apply for another program of study at another school. This may require for you to request for a transfer of your SEVIS record from Cerritos College to your new transfer-in school. Should you elect this option, please complete the following pages requesting for this transfer.
- Option 3: Apply for Post-Completion Optical Practical Training (OPT)**
  - You may be eligible to apply for Post-Completion OPT with USCIS. For more information, please refer to the Optical Practical Training (OPT) Checklist & Form and/or connect with the Designated School Official.
- Option 4: Return Home**
  - You may choose to return to your home country. Nothing is needed from you to submit an/or complete should you elect to go home other than letting our office know.



## Transfer-Out to Another School Request

This form is used to notify the Office of International Student Services of your intent to transfer your F-1 SEVIS immigration record to another school. The new school will be able to issue you an updated I-20 on and/or after the SEVIS release date.

After you have been admitted to your new school, please complete and submit this form with a copy of your acceptance letter from your new school.

**Cancelling Transfer:** If you decide to cancel your SEVIS transfer, you must notify the Designated School Official (DSO) **BEFORE** the SEVIS release date.

**OPT:** If you are currently on approved Optional Practical Training (OPT) or STEM OPT Extension, your work authorization will automatically end and become invalid after the SEVIS transfer release date, even if your EAD has not expired. If you wish to continue working, request a SEVIS Transfer date for a date after the job and/or OPT ends.

**Note:** You are granted a 60-day grace period after your program of study and/or OPT/STEM OPT. Your SEVIS record must be transferred **BEFORE** the end of your grace period in order to maintain F-1 status.

### Student Information

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student ID:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVIS NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Final Semester:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Program End Date**  
(Based on Most Recent I-20): \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for Transferring:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you Currently on OPT or STEM?**

Yes, I am currently on OPT

Yes, I am currently on STEM

No, I am not on OPT or STEM



### Transfer School Information

**Name of Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date you will begin at New Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Institution's Phone No:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Institution's SEVIS School Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Does the new institution have a Transfer Form to be complete?**  Yes \*Please make sure to email the form to the Designated School Official (DSO).  
 No  
**When would you like your SEVIS record to be transferred?** \_\_\_\_\_

### Student Acknowledgement: *(Initial next to each statement below)*

- \_\_\_\_\_ I have been admitted to the school as mentioned above and requested for my SEVIS record to be transferred.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that I must notify OISS before the requested SEVIS transfer date if I wish to change/cancel my SEVIS transfer.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that after the SEVIS transfer date, Cerritos College will no longer have access to my SEVIS records (i.e. Changes, reprints, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that once my SEVIS is transferred, I no longer have a work authorization, even if I have an unexpired Employment Authorization Card.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that after the completion of my program (or OPT) with Cerritos, I am granted a grace period of 60 days to complete my SEVIS transfer in ACTIVE status.

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date Received:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Term Petitioning to be Terminated:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DSO Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SEVIS Termination Date:** \_\_\_\_\_