

## Form I-765 Questions & Answers

International Student Services receives a lot of questions regarding the completion of the Form I-765 when applying for the OPT STEM extension. Here are some typical questions received from students with a response:

**Question:** What should I mark for the field: " I am Applying for? " (Located above Item # 1.)

**Answer:** You must decide if you are applying for permission to work, replacing a lost card, or renewal of my permission to accept employment. If applying for the 17-Month OPT Extension, it should be the last option.

**Question:** Under Item # 3, which address should I write?

**Answer:** You need to write the address where you want the 17-Month EAD card to be mailed too, if approved. It can be our office address, your physical living address, or your place of employment.

**ISS address:** TAMUK, MSC 176, **City:** Kingsville, **State:** TX, **Zip:** 78363

**Question:** Under Item # 11, is it "Yes" or "No"? If yes, which USCIS Office?

**Answer:** Yes, then note that USCIS has four Service Centers: Texas Service Center, Nebraska Service Center, California Service Center, and Vermont Service Center. You need to refer to the Notice of Action or the document the OPT card was attached too to determine which of these Service Centers processed your application for the OPT.

**Question:** Under Item # 11, what should I indicate for Dates?

You should indicate the *effective dates* of your OPT per the Employment Authorization Card.

**Question:** Under item # 15, what should I mention is my current Immigration Status?

**Answer:** F-1 Student

**Question:** Under item # 16, what should I write for the Eligibility Category?

**Answer:** You should indicate (c) (3) (C).

**Question:** Under Item # 17, how should I list my degree?

**Answer:** You should indicate the CIP code, (found on the 3<sup>rd</sup> page of your form I-20) and major (e.g., Computer Science). Make sure to indicate the full CIP Code and you can abbreviate the major if needed.

**Question:** Under Item #17, should I write the name of the employer or the supervisor?

**Answer:** You should indicate the name of the employer (company) as it appears in the E-Verify system. You should be able to get this information from the company's HR Department.

### Certification Section:

Please sign your name (in blue ink,) and indicate telephone number and dates below each item listed rather than above the line where it indicates "Block 16."

**Please note:** You have all this information with you and need to refer to those documents that provide the information in order to complete the form. If you have misplaced or no longer have the documents, you will need to contact our office **via e-mail** at [international.services@tamuk.edu](mailto:international.services@tamuk.edu) to obtain the information.