



**VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
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**OPT Verification of Graduation**

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Student's Name:

Date:

Student ID:

Advisor Name:

Phone Number:

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**Academic Advisor**

The international student whose name appears above wishes to apply for off-campus employment related to his/her major. The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) can authorize work for one year at the end of the student's academic program. This form is designed to verify graduation for your international advisee, in order to establish eligibility to apply for "Optional Practical Training". This employment is extended only once to foreign student on the F-1 visa and it is only granted when all course work is completed. The window for applying for the OPT is 90 days prior to graduation. If the student applies early in the 90-day window, he/she could have work authorization by graduation.

To the best of my knowledge (advisee's name): \_\_\_\_\_ will graduate

on (date): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date