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PDSO/DSO: Principal/ Designated Official certified by U.S Homeland Security to monitor and advise F-1 students.

SEVIS: Student and Exchange Visitor System, dataset created by Homeland Security to monitor F-1 students and issue immigration documents to apply for student visa

I-20: immigration document for F-1 students

OPT: Optional Practical Training, employment authorization for one year after completion of degree

CPT: Curricular Practical Training, employment authorization to complete required internship while pursuing degree

USCIS: US Citizenship and Immigration Services, approves different immigration benefits such as employment and the reinstatement or change of immigration status