

Program Extension

- **F-1 governing rules:** [\[F-1\] Extension of Stay: 8 Code of Federal Regulations \(CFR\) 214.2\(f\)\(7\)](#)

An F-1 student who is unable to meet the program completion date on Form I-20 may be granted an extension by the School if the School Official certifies that the student has continually maintained status and that the delays are caused by compelling academic or medical reasons

Eligibility

- Student is in full-time F-1 status
- The delay in completion is caused by “**compelling academic or medical reasons**” such as changes of major or research topics or documented illness
- Delays caused by academic probation or suspension are not acceptable reasons for program extension
- Student must apply for a program extension and receive a new I-20, if approved, before the program end date typed on the current I-20 form
- Cannot exceed one additional year

Procedure

To apply for a program extension, the student must:

- Complete the PROGRAM EXTENSION REQUEST FORM (below)
- Provide updated educational plan indicating additional time required to complete the program (cannot exceed 1 year).
- Provide proof of additional financial support
 - 1) current (less than 6 months old) bank statement (\$26,300 USD or more) from financial sponsor
 - 2) Updated [Affidavit of Financial Support](#) signed by financial sponsor

Program Extension can be approved only ONE-TIME per program level.

Request for Program Extension



Attach this form to:

- a current copy of bank statement (\$26,300 minimum)
- an updated educational plan (must see counselor to do this)

Name: _____ ID Number: _____

Palomar Email Address: _____@student.palomar.edu

U.S. Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Educational Goal:

☐ AA degree: _____

Major

☐ Certificate of Achievement: _____

Major

☐ Transfer to a 4-year institution: _____

Major

New Program Completion Date (based upon revised plan): _____

SEMESTER YEAR

Explain academic explanation for program extension? (The reason that you have not completed your program requirement within the authorized time printed on the I-20 form)

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

***** office use only *****

- ☐ In F-1 visa status
- ☐ Probation?
- ☐ Updated Ed plan
- ☐ Bank statement
- ☐ Completed registration for next semester