

MAINTAINING LEGAL F-1 STATUS

The International Student Advisor can provide information and assistance to you, but it is the STUDENT, not the college, who is ultimately responsible for maintaining their F-1 student status.

To maintain your F-1 status you MUST:

- ❖ REPORT ANY CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE YOUR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISOR, USCIS, AND BCC (REGISTRAR'S OFFICE) within 10 days of the move. You can do so by completing the Change of Address form located on the International Wall in Student Services building, room 210.
- ❖ ENROLL AT THE SCHOOL THAT ISSUED YOUR CURRENT FORM I-20
- ❖ ATTEND SCHOOL FULL-TIME (12 credits for BCC students)
- ❖ Make SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (see BCC college catalogue)
- ❖ Complete your degree or academic program by the DATE STATED IN ITEM #5 of your Form I-20 (see International Student Advisor if the completion date on your I-20 is getting near and **BEFORE** it expires)
- ❖ If you wish to transfer to another school, you must FOLLOW INS TRANSFER REGULATIONS by notifying your current school and following your new schools procedures.
- ❖ Have an UNEXPIRED PASSPORT AT ALL TIMES. (Canadians are exempt from the passport requirement) Passport renewal could take 6 months or more so it is important to plan ahead.
- ❖ Limit employment to a total (all jobs) of 20 HOURS PER WEEK while school is in session (you will need to speak with the International Student Advisor if you are interested in on OR off campus work)
- ❖ RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FOR ANY AND ALL OFF-CAMPUS EMPLOYMENT
- ❖ Plan ahead for life after your program at BCC;
 - A> Transfer after you receive your BCC degree by obtaining a new I-20 from new school and attend the next available semester; **OR**
 - B> Apply for Optional Practical Training, if eligible, **PRIOR** to your graduation; **OR**
 - C> Depart from the U.S within 60 days of graduation.

QUESTIONS?

Set up an appointment to speak with your International Student Advisor, Beverly Plowucha, by calling 607-778-5210.