

Nonimmigrant Visa Chart

The chart below identifies several different purposes of temporary travel, the party responsible for processing the request and guidelines regarding patient care and fees.

Visa Category	Purpose of Travel	Processing of Visa	Direct Patient Care/ ***Incidental Patient Care	Breakdown of Fees (Incurred by Visitor)
J-1	Student, Research Scholar, Professor (exchange visitor)	Request processed by the International Center (IC)	Incidental patient contact	SEVIS Fee: \$180
H-1 B	Employment	Request processed by the IC	Direct Patient Care	Application Fee: \$325 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anti-Fraud Fee: \$500 (first time H-1B applicants only) • Premium Processing Fee (as necessary): \$1,225
B1	Business Visitor	Personal application – initiated by visitor	Incidental patient contact	N/A
B2	Tourism, vacation, pleasure visitor	Personal application – initiated by visitor	Incidental patient contact	N/A
*TN	Employment (Professional worker)	May be processed by IC or Visitor	Direct Patient Care	Application/I-94 Fee: \$50 or \$56 if crossing the border by car
**E3	Australian professional specialty	Request processed by the IC	Direct Patient Care	Application Fee: \$325
F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT)	Foreign academic student enrolled at an accredited U.S. institution.	Request processed by the International Office at the student’s home institution – initiated by the student	Direct Patient Care	Application for Employment Authorization: \$380 (Eligible for up to 12 months of employment.)

Additional Information

*The TN Visa Program is the immigration element of The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which allows citizens of Canada and Mexico to enter the United States to engage in “business activities at the professional level” in certain occupations. For additional information about TN status, please visit the International Center’s website: <http://ase.tufts.edu/icenter/depts/TN.asp>.

**The E-3 category is only available to individuals from Australia to work in the United States temporarily in a specialty occupation. Similar to the H-1B, prospective E-3 visa holders must have a minimum of a bachelor’s degree in their area of employment. This category is available for an initial 2 years and is renewable indefinitely.

The Visa Waiver Program (VWP) allows citizens of participating countries to travel to the United States without a visa for stays of 90 days or less, when they meet specified requirements. For more information about VWP, please visit the following website: <http://travel.state.gov>.

***Incidental patient contact:

- A. The visitor is predominantly involved with observation, consultation, teaching or research.
- B. Incidental patient contact will be under the direct supervision of a licensed U.S. physician.
- C. The visitor will not be given final responsibilities for the diagnosis and treatment of patients.
- D. Any activities of the visitor will conform fully with state licensing requirements and regulations for medical and health care professionals in the state in which the visitor is pursuing the program.
- E. Any experience gained in this program will not be creditable toward any clinical requirements for medical specialty board certification.

The International Center strongly recommends that each sponsoring department complete the [Department Request Form](#) three months prior to the visit. There is a processing fee incurred by the department. Fees may vary; departments should refer to the request form for a breakdown of fees.