Stanford Degree Programs that Qualify as STEM Degrees

The 12-month limit on F-1 Optional Practical Training (OPT) can be extended for an additional 17 months (for a total of 29 months), for students holding degrees in certain STEM fields (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) with an eligible CIP Code.

What is a CIP Code and how do I find out what the CIP Code is for my degree?
CIP stands for Classification of Instructional Programs. These codes are used by the US Department of Education to describe and aggregate college majors into a systematic description of instructional activity. The CIP code for your degree will be displayed in the top left-hand corner of page three of your Post-OPT I-20 as indicated below:

Click [here](#) for current Sevis Stem designated degree programs. Please note Stanford does not offer all the programs in this list.

REMININDER: Although you may qualify for the extension based on your degree program, please keep in mind that you must also have an employer that is enrolled in the USCIS’ E-Verify program.