

SEVP Conference Bulletin

SEVP Fall/Winter 2014-2015 Conference Season Kicks Off!

A recording of SEVP's [Fall/Winter 2014-2015 Conference Presentation](#) is now available on the Study in the States [Conferences and Outreach](#) page. If you are unable to attend a conference this season, you can watch the recorded presentation to stay up-to-date with SEVP news and updates.

This season's presentation discusses key topics of interest to our stakeholders, including:

- Improved customer service offered through SEVP field representatives and the upcoming merger of the SEVP Response Center and SEVIS Help Desk
- Collaboration with SEVP's interagency partners and regulatory updates
- Opportunities for stakeholder engagement, including enhanced Study in the States features and draft guidance for comment
- Key updates on student and school issues, as well as best practices for school officials
- Enhanced SEVIS functionality.

For additional information on the SEVP Fall/Winter 2014-2015 Conference Season, be sure to follow our blog on [Study in the States](#). Throughout the conference season, we will feature various posts outlining SEVP's engagement with stakeholders across the United States.

Comment on Draft Guidance on Study in the States

SEVP currently seeks public comment on the following draft and interim final guidance documents on Study in the States:

- **Pathway Programs** – This document is the third in a series of related draft guidance documents. It clarifies SEVP regulations and ensures uniform interpretation of SEVP policies regarding pathways programs. For instance, students' non-remedial courses must all apply to a program's graduation requirements, and students must take at least one non-remedial course per school term. The guidance is open for comment until Nov. 10, 2014.
- **Academic Year** – SEVP issued this interim final guidance to give the definition of an academic year used by SEVP as it applies to various types of school sessions. This guidance also clarifies SEVP regulations and ensures uniform interpretation. The guidance is open for comment until Nov. 24, 2014.

You can review the Pathway Programs and Academic Year guidance documents, as well as instructions for submitting feedback on the Study in the States [SEVP Guidance for Comment](#) page. To comment on guidance, email SEVPFeedback@ice.dhs.gov with the title of the guidance in the subject line.

Contact Us

If you have any questions or are interested in SEVP participating in your event, please submit your request to the SEVPCommunications@ice.gov. Recently attended an SEVP conference or joined in an online webinar? SEVP wants your feedback! Fill out the Stakeholder Satisfaction Survey on Study in the States to give us feedback on our outreach events so we can provide you with the best and most useful information.

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