

Outreach Bulletin

Save the Date: International Student Interagency Webinar for Community Colleges

- Date: Dec. 7, 2016
- Time: 11–12 p.m. EST

Designed specifically for community colleges, this free one-hour webinar will feature senior staff from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Commerce.

During the [webinar](#), presenters will provide an overview of the international student immigration process, share information related to the recruitment of international students and compliance with federal regulations, and describe resources available to international students and institutions. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to ask questions using a live chat feature.

Any inquiries can be directed to the DHS Office of Academic Engagement at AcademicEngagement@hq.dhs.gov.

SEVP Releases New Policy Guidance

On Oct. 28, 2016, the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) released final guidance [S7.2: Pathway Programs for Reasons of English Proficiency](#). This guidance provides information regarding pathway programs for F-1 postsecondary students who fail to meet the English proficiency requirements for admission into a certified program of study, or who need to improve their English competency for that program. As a reminder, final

guidance is official SEVP policy that establishes standards or requirements and is used in SEVP adjudications. For more information, visit the [Policy Guidance section of ICE.gov/SEVP](#).

Also on Oct. 28, 2016, SEVP released interim final guidance, [S1.2: Evidentiary Requirements for Schools Not Meeting Eligibility Criteria](#) in 8 CFR 214.3(b) and (c) for public comment. This guidance clarifies the acceptable additional evidence requirements for schools not meeting certain eligibility criteria for SEVP certification. The public can submit their comments on this guidance by emailing SEVPFeedback@ice.dhs.gov by Dec. 12, 2016.

Update: SEVP Portal Launch and Webinar Postponed

Please note that there will be a delay with the launch of the SEVP Portal. The SEVP Special Report Webinar: SEVP Portal will therefore be postponed as well. SEVP apologizes for the delay. The Program will keep stakeholders updated on the latest developments about the SEVP Portal and the SEVP Special Report Webinar: SEVP Portal via SEVP broadcast messages, [Study in the States](#) and social media.

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