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# SEVP

STUDENT AND EXCHANGE VISITOR PROGRAM

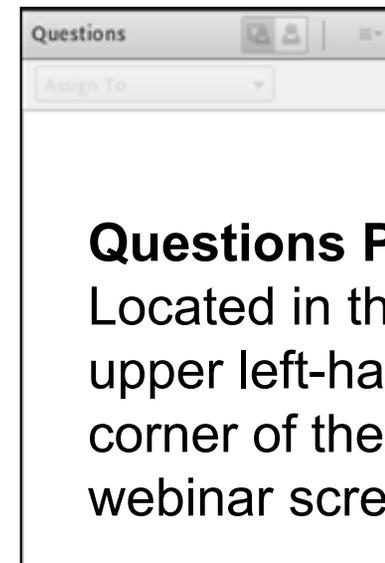
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- Webinar Slides
- Optional Practical Training (OPT) Job Aid
- SEVIS Release 6.17 Final System Changes Document

Also look on *Study in the States* for these materials.



# Agenda

- What we are changing
- Department of State
  - Updated search results
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- Name Standardization Impact Report
- *Question and Answer Session*
- SEVP
  - Date of last event
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  - Editing U.S. Addresses
- *Question and Answer Session*



## We Fell Down ...

Multiple releases of software and the associated complexities = many details = some of which did not get our full attention



### What We Are Changing:

- Added code reviews must be conducted
- Performance testing



# DoS Updates



# DoS Updated Search Results

New Column:  
**Date of Birth**

New Column:  
**Date of Last Event**

**Whispering Pines Institute**  
Program Number: P-1-16590

## Search Results

[New Search](#) [Refine Search](#)

**Search Criteria:**

Family Name = smith\*  
Status = ACTIVE

SEVIS ID	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Visa	Status	Category	Program Begin	Program End	Date of Last Event
N0000134240	<a href="#">Smith</a>	John Boy	01/17/1990	J-1	ACTIVE	STUDENT BACHELORS	12/11/2012	05/12/2013	07/22/2014
N0000142424	<a href="#">Smithe</a>	Sandy	01/29/1995	J-1	ACTIVE	STUDENT BACHELORS	08/14/2014	05/15/2018	08/14/2014

2 Recs

Program Start Date is now  
**Program Begin**

Program End Date is now  
**Program End**

## EV Validation Alert

- If an EV's record meets multiples reasons for validation, the most important reason displays.
- Highest to lowest reasons: Initial, Transfer, Pending Change of Status, and Approved Change of Status.

### Academic Program

Program Number: G-1-14117

### Exchange Visitor(s) Requiring Validation

[Return to Alerts](#)

SEVIS ID	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Category	Status	Reason	Validation Required By Date
N0000147694	<a href="#">Anderson</a>	Alexander	05/21/1990	PROFESSOR	INITIAL	Approved Change of Status	08/28/2014
N0000148657	<a href="#">McDonnell</a>	Sean	06/27/1991	PROFESSOR	TRANSFERRED	Transfer	08/30/2014
N0000151962	<a href="#">Lin</a>	Keven	09/09/2000	PROFESSOR	INITIAL	Initial	09/01/2014
N0000147673	<a href="#">Smith</a>	Eric	03/26/1988	PROFESSOR	INITIAL	Approved Change of Status	09/01/2014
N0000145913	<a href="#">Brown</a>	Robert	01/01/1990	SPECIALIST	INITIAL	Pending Change of Status	09/03/2014

5 Recs



# Exchange Visitors Requiring Validation

Reason Code	Explanation of Why an EV will Display on the “Exchange Visitors Requiring Validation” List
<b>Initial</b>	If the exchange visitor is in Initial status and the current date is 10 days beyond their Program Begin Date.
<b>Transfer</b>	If the exchange visitor is in Transferred status 10 days beyond the Effective Date of Transfer. They will display at the transfer-in program.
<b>Pending Change of Status</b>	If the exchange visitor is in Initial status and a pending change of status has been received and it is 10 days beyond the Program Begin Date.
<b>Approved Change of Status</b>	If the exchange visitor in in Initial status and a change of status has been approved and it is 10 days beyond the Benefit Start Date.



## DoS EV Addresses

- Current U.S. Address field name changed to **Physical Address** to more accurately reflect the address type
- **Mailing Address** field added (optional)
- Address modals are on the Exchange Visitor and Biographical Information pages
- Use the **Add Address** Link to display the address modal and add/edit address information



SEVIS
Student & Exchange Visitor Information System

Main | Help | Tutorial | Logout
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RO, AN  
Get Plug-In

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### Exchange Visitor Information

**Actions:**

[Change of Category Request](#)

[Correct Minor or Technical Infraction](#)

[End Program for EV](#)

[Extension within the maximum duration of participation](#)

[Matriculation](#)

[Reinstatement - Update SEVIS Status](#)

[Reprint DS-2019](#)

[Shorten Program for EV](#)

[Terminate EV](#)

**Edits:**

[Biographical Information](#)

[Dependents](#)

[Financial Information](#)

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[Subject/Field](#)

**Employment:**

[Add Student Employment](#)

**Academic Training:**

[Add Student Academic Training](#)

**Transfer:**

[SEVIS to SEVIS Transfer](#)

**View:**

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Personal Information	
SEVIS ID:	N0000138100
Family Name:	Liu
First Name:	Wen
Middle Name:	
Suffix:	
Gender:	FEMALE
Date of Birth:	01/01/1990
City of Birth:	Beijing
Country of Birth:	CHINA
Country of Citizenship:	CHINA
Country of Legal Permanent Residence:	CHINA
Email Address:	
Position:	215 - UNIVERSITY UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS
Active/Initial Dependent Count:	0

Status Information	
Status:	ACTIVE
Date of Last Status Change:	11/04/2013 212(e):

Program Information	
Program Number:	P-1-16590
Program Sponsor:	Whispering Pines Institute
Category:	STUDENT BACHELORS
Occupational Category:	
Student Intern Foreign Degree:	
Student Intern Foreign Field of Study:	
Subject/Field Description:	Biochemistry
Subject/Field Remarks:	None.

Program Dates	
Initial Program Begin Date:	
IAP-66 Number:	
Program Begin Date:	11/01/2013
Program End Date:	12/15/2017
Reinstatement Program Begin Date:	
Previous Program End Date:	
Effective Date of Transfer:	
Effective Date of Completion:	
Completion Reason:	
Completion Remarks:	
Effective Date of Termination:	
Termination Reason:	
Termination Remarks:	

I-901 SEVIS Fee Payment Information	
Transaction Type:	
Transaction Date:	
Transaction Amount:	
Fee Payment/Cancellation Receipt Number:	

Contact Information	
Foreign Address:	
<b>Formerly called U.S. Address</b>	
Province/Territory:	
Postal Code:	
Address 1:	9822 Main St.
Address 2:	Apt 20
City:	Fairfax
State:	VIRGINIA
Zip Code:	20108
Address 1:	
Address 2:	
<b>Added: Optional</b>	
Address 1:	
Address 2:	

Visa/POE Information	
Visa Type:	J-1
Passport Number:	
Passport Expiration Date:	
Visa Folio Number:	
Visa Issue Date:	
Visa Expiration Date:	
Visa Issue Post:	
Port of Entry:	
Date of Entry:	
I-94/Admission Number:	
Port of Departure:	
Date of Departure:	

U.S. Address field is now **Physical Address**

**Mailing Address** field is new – but optional



# Standardization Impact Report



# Name Standardization Impact Report

**Path to find the report:**

*Listing of Schools > Student Lists > SEVIS Name Standardization Impact Report*

## Listing of Schools

\* Indicates an alert for that school

@ Indicates that the PDSO of the main campus has to apply for recertification

Name of School	Name of Campus	Location (City, State)	Role	Commands
<a href="#">Robin C FQT School</a>	Main Campus	Arlington, VA	PDSO	<a href="#">Search</a> <a href="#">New Student</a> * <a href="#">Alerts</a> <a href="#">Student Lists</a> <a href="#">Reports</a>
<a href="#">Robin C FQT School B</a>	Robin C Main Campus	Arlington, VA	PDSO	<a href="#">Search</a> <a href="#">New Student</a> * <a href="#">Alerts</a> <a href="#">Student Lists</a> <a href="#">Reports</a>
<a href="#">School for Applied Intellect</a>	Main Campus	Arlington, VA	DSO	<a href="#">Search</a> <a href="#">New Student</a> * <a href="#">Alerts</a> <a href="#">Student Lists</a> <a href="#">Reports</a>



## School for Applied Intellect - Main Campus

### Student Lists



<a href="#">SEVIS Name Standardization Impact Report</a>
<a href="#">Student Listing</a>
<a href="#">Draft Students</a>
<a href="#">Initial Status Students</a>



Main Campus

### SEVIS Name Standardization Impact Report

This report is to show you how the names of active and initial students will be impacted by the implementation of name standardization in SEVIS.  
The report shows only the names that will change. The purpose of the report is to help you assess the impact on your school.  
You are not required to take any action based on this report. For more information, see the broadcast message on Name Standardization Reports.

[Return to Student Lists](#)
[Download Full List csv](#) | [Excel](#)

Showing 27 of 27 names. [Download to see full list.](#) Last Updated on 06/23/2014

SEVIS Status	SEVIS ID	Current Name	Standardized Name
		Family Name   First   Middle	Surname/Primary Name   Given Name
INITIAL	N0004673009	Sankaran	Sankaran
INITIAL	N0004672507	Al-Harbi   Mohammed	Al Harbi   Mohammed
INITIAL	N0004672512	Asáf   Stella	Asaf   Stella
INITIAL	N0004672501	Bartleson-Clarke-Ewers-Douglas Sims-Till   "Jim"	Bartleson Clarke Ewers Douglas Sims Till
INITIAL	N0004673011	Chateau Briande   Marie	Chateau Briande   Marie
INITIAL	N0004673307	Chau=cer   Geoffery	Chaucer   Geoffery
INITIAL	N0004672515	Cresida   Hónore	Cresida   Honore
INITIAL	N0004672509	D'Amico   Susannah	DAmico   Susannah
INITIAL	N0004672510	Fodnæss   Ingrid	Fodness   Ingrid
INITIAL	N0004673306	Franco   Ceçille	Franco   Cecille
INITIAL	N0004672514	Franzen   Alßbeta	Franzen   Albeta
INITIAL	N0004672499	Fuß   William	FuS   William
INITIAL	N0004672505	Hirschfeld Ersatz-Holzapfel   Üte   Marie	Hirschfeld Ersatz Holzapfel   Ute Marie
ACTIVE	N0004669737	Infringement   ©	Infringement
INITIAL	N0004673304	LNU   Fyneface	Fyneface
INITIAL	N0004672508	Lee   Sook Eun (w/o Kim)	Lee   Sook Eun
INITIAL	N0004672497	Madison   Marie-Hélène   Christine	Madison   Marie Helene Christine
INITIAL	N0004672504	Muñoz   Frank	Munoz   Frank
INITIAL	N0004673308	Miguel   Miguel	Miguel   Miguel
INITIAL	N0004672511	Noné   LNU   Lucy	Lucy
INITIAL	N0004673008	O'Connell-Powell   Cerise	OConnell Powell   Cerise
INITIAL	N0004673305	Pedriní   Nicoló	Pedriní   Nicolo
INITIAL	N0004672513	Russell-Kalkofen   Herman	Russell Kalkofen   Herman
INITIAL	N0004672502	Unknown   FNU	
INITIAL	N0004673010	Wahlström   Björn	Wahlstrm   Bjorn

**Note: We will use the MRZ standards.**

## Known Problem: First and Middle Name



The report does not list students whose middle name was not concatenated with the first name, if that is the only change made to the name.

**Note:** To be fixed in a later release.



# Questions and Answers



# SEVP Updates



# Date of Last Event

## Student Information

## Student Information Page

[Return](#)

Personal Information	
SEVIS ID:	
FIN ID :	
Family Name:	
First Name:	
Country of Birth:	
Date of Birth:	
Country of Citizenship:	
Gender:	
Foreign Address:	
U.S. Address:	
Email Address:	

Program Information	
Status:	TERMINATED
Date of Last Event :	08/01/2014
Termination Reason:	AUTHORIZED EARLY WITHDRAWAL
Visa Type:	F-1
School Status:	APPROVED
School Name:	ELS Language Centers/Washington DC
School Code:	WAS214F01346001
Campus Name:	ELS Language Centers/Fredericksburg
I-20 Issue Reason:	CONTINUED ATTENDANCE
Education Level:	LANGUAGE TRAINING
Major:	32.0109 - Second Language Learning
Secondary Major:	00.0000 - None
Minor:	00.0000 - None
Program Start Date:	07/15/2013
Program End Date:	10/17/2014
Normal Length of Study:	13

## Search Results

## Search Results Page

[New Search](#) [Refine Search](#)

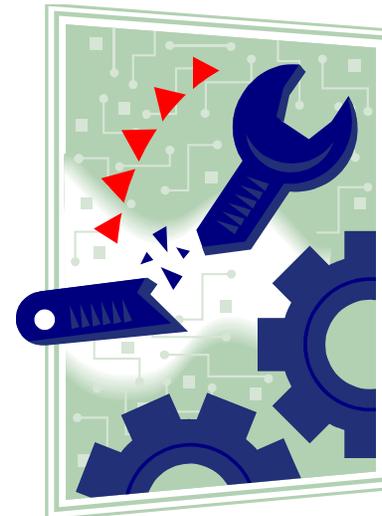
**Search Criteria:**

SEVIS ID = N0009864758

SEVIS ID	Visa Type	School Code	Family Name	First Name	Date of Birth	Program Start Date	Program End Date	Status	Date of Last Event
N0009864758	F-1	WAS214F01346001	<a href="#">ALGHAMDI</a>	AHMED	07/22/1993	07/15/2013	10/17/2014	TERMINATED	08/01/2014

# Known Problem: OPT Not Printing on the I-20

**Print I-20**



**Note: Fixed**



## OPT Dates\* – General

OPT DATE FIELDS		CAPTURES
<b>DSO Recommended</b>	OPT Start Date	The date the student wants OPT work authorization to begin, as entered by the P/DSO in SEVIS.
	OPT End Date	The date the student wants OPT work authorization to end, as entered by the P/DSO in SEVIS.
<b>USCIS-Approved</b>	OPT Start Date	The first date the student can legally work, as approved by USCIS. SEVIS receives this date from USCIS via interface.
	OPT End Date	The last date the student can legally work, as approved by USCIS. SEVIS receives this date from USCIS via interface.
<b>Actual</b>	OPT Start Date	The first date the student can legally work. By default it is the same as the USCIS-approved OPT Start Date. SEVIS receives this date from USCIS via interface.
	OPT End Date	<p>The last date the student can legally work. By default it is the same as the USCIS-approved OPT End Date, but is modified by SEVIS as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortened to the Transfer Release date, if the student transfers to another school before end of authorized OPT.</li> <li>• Shortened to Registration date, if the student changes educational level before end of authorized OPT.</li> <li>• Shortened to Termination date, if record is terminated before end of authorized OPT.</li> <li>• Lengthened if the student is eligible for Cap Gap extension of OPT.</li> </ul>



# OPT – Status Indicator

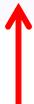
## Path to find OPT dates:

*Listing of Schools > Student Lists > Students with Requested, Pending, or Approved Optional Practical Training (OPT)*

### Students With Requested, Pending, or Approved Optional Practical Training (OPT)

[Return to Lists](#)

Active	SEVIS ID	Visa Type	Name		DSO Recommended		USCIS Approved		OPT Type	Request	
			Family	First	Start	End	Start	End		Status	Receipt
	N0004671504	F-1	<a href="#">Feet</a>	Carlos	08/07/2014	12/01/2014			PRE-COMPLETION	REQUESTED	
●	N0004673306	F-1	<a href="#">Franco</a>	Ceçille	01/25/2014	06/24/2015	01/25/2014	06/24/2015	STEM OPT	APPROVED	
●	N0004674527	F-1	<a href="#">Renáta</a>	Saáry	07/15/2014	07/14/2015	07/15/2014	07/14/2015	POST-COMPLETION	APPROVED	



Active OPT Indicator

# OPT Dates – Requested

## Path to find OPT dates:

*Student Search > Search Criteria* (select the option on which to search) > *Family Name > Employment/Training:* (select the option for which you want information)

[New OPT Employment](#)

ACTIVE	FT/PT	Request Status	Receipt Number	DSO Recommended	USCIS Approved	Actual	OPT Type	Command
	PT	REQUESTED		Start: 08/07/2014 End: 12/01/2014	Start: End:	Start: End:	PRE-COMPLETION	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Cancel Request</a>

[Return](#) [Print I-20](#)

# OPT Dates – Approved – Post Completion Plus Stem

## Path to find OPT dates:

*Listing of Schools > Student Lists > Students with Requested, Pending, or Approved Optional Practical Training (OPT) > Family Name > Employment/Training (select the option for which you want information)*

ACTIVE	FT/PT	Request Status	Receipt Number	DSO Recommended	USCIS Approved	Actual	OPT Type	Command
•		APPROVED		Start: 01/25/2014 End: 06/24/2015	Start: 02/25/2014 End: 06/24/2015	Start: 02/25/2014 End: 06/24/2015	STEM OPT	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a> <a href="#">Report OPT Participation</a>
	FT	APPROVED		Start: 01/20/2013 End: 01/19/2015	Start: 01/25/2013 End: 01/24/2014	Start: 01/25/2013 End: 01/24/2014	POST-COMPLETION	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>

**Note:** The DSO Recommended and USCIS Approved dates could be **different** because of timing issues.

## OPT New Functionality – Important Date



**August 2, 2014**

**Note:** OPT approved by USCIS **before 8/2/2014**, will **not** reflect any difference between DSO-recommended OPT dates and the CIS approved dates.

# OPT Approved Before 8/2/2014 - Example

FAMILYNAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Major: 50.0907 Keyboard Instruments  
 Student Employment Authorization:  
 Employment Status: **FULL TIME** Type: **OPT**  
 Duration of Employment - From (Date): **05/20/2014** To (Date): **05/19/2015**  
 Employer Name:  
 Employer Location:

Recommended Date

The Student has met the 1 full academic year requirement.

Comments: Optional Practical Training recommended in the field of Music/Piano

**No difference between the DSO-recommended OPT dates and the CIS approved dates.**

ACTIVE	FT/PT	Request Status	Receipt Number	DSO Recommended	USCIS Approved	Actual	OPT Type	Command
●	FT	APPROVED	EAC1490178077	Start: 07/11/2014 End: 07/10/2015	Start: 07/11/2014 End: 07/10/2015	Start: 07/11/2014 End: 07/10/2015	POST-COMPLETION	<a href="#">View</a> <a href="#">Edit</a>

DSO Recommended and USCIS Approved dates columns reflect the CIS approved dates only. The actual DSO Recommended Date is not reflected.

# Event History – 2 OPT Conversion of Legacy Dates

Event Name	Event Date	Resulting Status	Performed By
OPT Employment Requested	03/31/2014	ACTIVE	Name Hidden
CPT Employment	04/17/2014	ACTIVE	Name Hidden
OPT Employment Pending	04/28/2014	ACTIVE	System Interface
OPT Employment Approved	07/15/2014	ACTIVE	System Interface
OPT Conversion of Legacy Dates	08/02/2014	ACTIVE	SEVIS Maintenance
OPT Conversion of Legacy Dates	08/02/2014	ACTIVE	SEVIS Maintenance
OPT Employment Updated	08/07/2014	ACTIVE	Name Hidden

OPT Conversion of Legacy Dates	08/02/2014
OPT Conversion of Legacy Dates	08/02/2014

Populating USCIS-authorized date fields  
Calculating the actual OPT dates



# Editing a Nonimmigrant's U.S. Address

**Path to edit a nonimmigrant's address:**

*Student Information Page > Personal Information > Edit Address*

Delete the old information and replace it with the updated info and click **Submit**

### Edit Address

Edit the address information.

\* Address 1:

Address 2:

\* Zip Code:

\* City:

\* State:

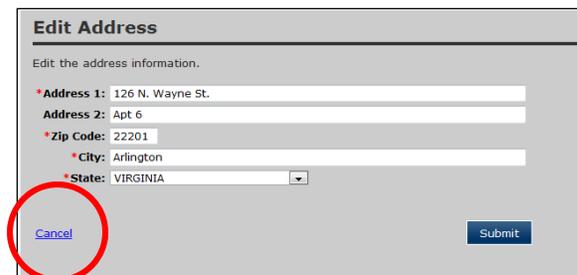
[Cancel](#)

# Known Problem: Canceling an Address Change



If you were reviewing and/or using this functionality when first deployed, the following happened if you changed a student's address:

- Clicking Cancel did not revert to the original address for the student. A hard-coded value overwrote the original address
- The Country of Citizenship for the student was also overwritten with a hardcoded value



**Edit Address**

Edit the address information.

\*Address 1: 126 N. Wayne St.

Address 2: Apt 6

\*Zip Code: 22201

\*City: Arlington

\*State: VIRGINIA

Cancel Submit

**Note:** An emergency release fixed this functionality.



# Questions and Answers



## Resources

### Study in the States Website

- SEVIS Information Page
  - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/sevis>
- Webinar Page
  - <http://studyinthestates.dhs.gov/webinars>

### Other Resources

- SEVIS E-mail: [SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVISTechnicalFeedback@ice.dhs.gov)
- Department of State E-mail: [jsevis@state.gov](mailto:jsevis@state.gov)
- SEVP Response Center: [SEVP@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:SEVP@ice.dhs.gov)
- SEVIS Help Desk: **800-892-4829**