

To: DSOs and PDSOs at SEVP-certified schools only (for F and M students)

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Re: SEVIS Webinar in April 2016

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General Information

Join the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) Student and Exchange Visitor Information System (SEVIS) Team for two webinars in April. Each webinar will discuss the following future SEVIS enhancements:

Date	Time	Webinar Description
April 1, 2016	2 – 3 p.m. EDT	<p>The SEVP SEVIS Team will discuss the June 2016 changes to the SEVIS workflow and system validations for creating the Form I-20, “Certificate of Eligibility for Nonimmigrant Status,” for F and M students and their dependents. The webinar will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creating an <i>Initial</i> student record• The concept of <i>Initial</i> Session Start Date <p>While the session will primarily discuss the validations within the context of creating an <i>Initial</i> student record, the validations and business rules will also apply to updating personal information, updating financial information, updating program information, and creating the Form I-20 for change of educational level and transfers.</p>
April 29, 2016	2 – 3:30 p.m. EDT	<p>The SEVP SEVIS Team will discuss changes to SEVIS that support the new science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) optional practical training (OPT) rule. The session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Changes to SEVIS that will be deployed on May 13, 2016• How to handle transition cases in SEVIS:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Recommending new 24-month STEM extensions with workaround for the training plan and information on prior degrees○ Converting pending or requested 17-month OPT recommendations with workaround for training plan○ Recommending a seven-month extension

Registration for the webinar is now open on [Study in the States](#).

The webinar room will open 15 minutes before the scheduled webinar start time. Since the session has limited participation availability, we encourage people from the same organization to participate in the webinar from one location. Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions during the presentation.

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