

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM TERMINATION INFORMATION

Los Angeles Harbor College provide this information consequences and options for students with a terminated I-20. For more information, meet with a Designated School Official (DSO).

## **CONSEQUENCES OF A TERMINATED I-20**

- Upon termination, you will need to decide what option to pursue. Depending on your choice, you may need to leave the country within 15 days of your termination.
- > You will not be able to reenter the United States with a terminated I-20.
- All working privileges are terminated. Any type of employment after the stated termination date is considered illegal. Employers may be subject to severe consequences for employing an illegal worker.
- > All dependents will lose their F-2 status.

## **OPTIONS AFTER THE TERMINATION OF I-20**

- 1. Return to your home country within 15 days of the termination date
- 2. Return to your home country within 15 days of the termination and apply for a new program of study; this will require applying for a new student visa (paying I-901 fee, sitting through a visa interview, obtaining a new I-20 from a new program, etc.)
- 3. Work with an LAHC DSO to apply for reinstatement\*
  - a. This option is not available for students who have been suspended, dismissed or expelled.
  - b. DSO will determine if terminated student is granted an opportunity to request reinstatement with LAHC.
- Transfer to a new program and work with your new program's DSO through the reinstatement process\*
  - a. Programs are not required to accept students into their program(s) who are currently in a terminated status.

\*Note: The **reinstatement process is not guaranteed**. The **final approval/denial** is made by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) main office.