

Challenges of International Students in Applied Behavior Analysis

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Administrative

Tedious contingencies of legal paperwork deemed necessary from international students:

- Visa process (F1 as well as H1B)
- Obtaining a Social Security number and Driving License
- CPT approval process
- OPT approval process
- On-Campus job paperwork requirement
- Navigating through a complex health-care system and insurance process

Structural

A combinatorial behavioral cusp of legal and environmental structure(s) that do not allow for access to educational opportunities:

- Transportation barriers
 - Unreliable transportation
 - No access to vehicles
 - No license
- Housing barriers
 - Cost of housing
 - Location versus access to resources

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Summary

Table 1

ABC Analysis of the Current Barriers Affecting International Students' Behaviors and Its Consequences

Antecedents	Behaviors	Consequences
Administrative, structural, and/or cultural barriers	International students attend schools outside of the United States	Disastrous economic, cultural, scientific and technological ramifications

Figure 1

Chart Showing Three Barriers that International Students Experiencing

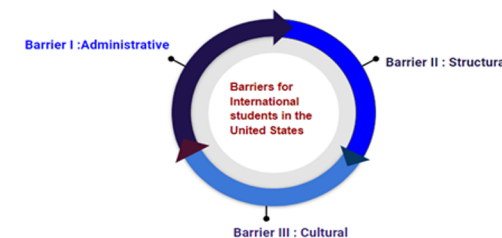
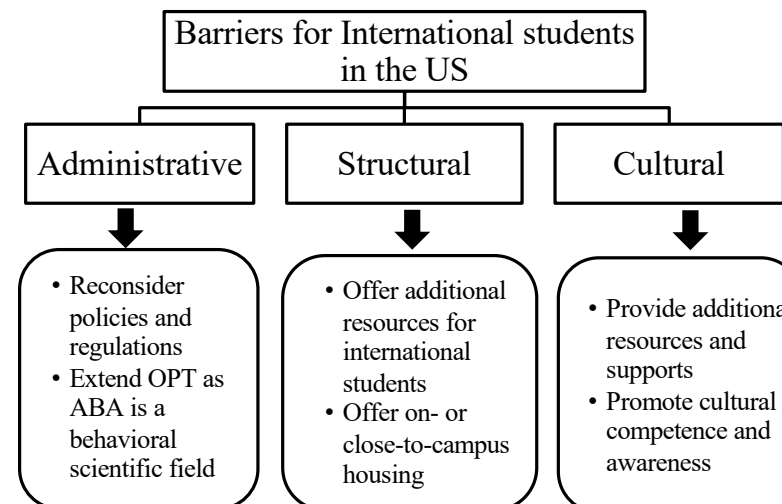


Figure 2

Flowchart Showing Three Barriers and Recommendations to Prevent the Potential Consequences



Cultural

Learning history which is acquired in home country cannot be generalized to host country which contributes difficulties in individuals' lives (e.g., acculturation)

- Cause:
 - Language barrier
 - Lack of exposure, resources, and supports
- Results:
 - Poor academic, dropping out, losing learning opportunities (i.e., academic and field experience), etc.

Implications & Future Direction

International students contributed \$41 billion and support over 450,00 jobs (NAFSA, n.d.) in 2018-2019. If there are no changes in policies and regulations:

- International student enrollment may decrease
 - The US may lose financial contribution and jobs
 - Highly educated students and scholars may move to other countries (e.g., UK or Canada)
 - Universities and colleges may receive less research funds
- Future directions:
- Evidence-based studies about international students who are enrolled in ABA programs in the US
 - Identify the effective ways to support ABA international students

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