



Illinois has one of the largest and most robust higher education systems in the United States, with over 200 degree-granting public universities, community colleges, and private institutions. However, **private business and vocational schools (PBVS)** are another important avenue for career-seeking Illinoisans.

## What is a PBVS?

Private business and vocational schools:

- Are privately owned/operated;
- Educate students who have a high school diploma or equivalent (post-secondary);
- Prepare students for a trade, vocation, or profession; and
- Improve skills for career opportunities.

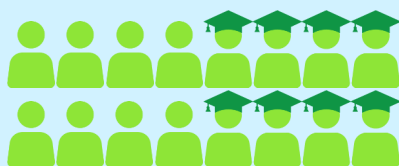
## PBVS Regulations

- The [Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012 \(PA 97-650, 105 ILCS 426\)](#) granted PBVS oversight to the Illinois Board of Higher Education.
- Entities interested in providing training in Illinois must submit a lengthy application to IBHE.
- Approved schools receive a certificate detailing the programs/courses they are authorized to offer.

## PBVS by the Numbers: 2015 Survey

213 institutions approved by IBHE | 79 extension campuses approved

42,582 students enrolled  
**20,951 graduated**



*Each figure represents approximately 5,000 students*

9,004 students took a license  
or certification exam  
**7,410 students passed**



*Each figure represents approximately 1,000 students*

**8,339 graduates placed  
into employment**



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## What do PBVS students study?



Allied Health and  
Wellness



English Language  
Training



Aesthetics



Animal Services



Criminal Justice and  
Security



Information Technology



Construction, Electrical,  
Plumbing, HVAC, Welding



Culinary, Hospitality,  
and Retail



Automotive Repair



Other (education; jewelry and watch repair; locksmithing; art)



Business, Accounting,  
Office Administration



General Education  
Prerequisites



Manufacturing and  
Engineering



Fitness