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
- 9,004 students took a license or certification exam
- 7,410 students passed
- 8,339 graduates placed into employment

### 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
- Business, Accounting, Office Administration
- General Education Prerequisites
- Manufacturing and Engineering
- Fitness
- Other (education; jewelry and watch repair; locksmithing; art)