

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.

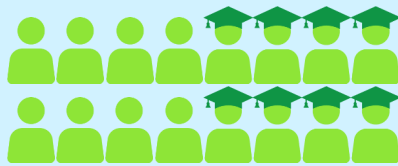
PBVS Regulations

- 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