

Academic Program Approval

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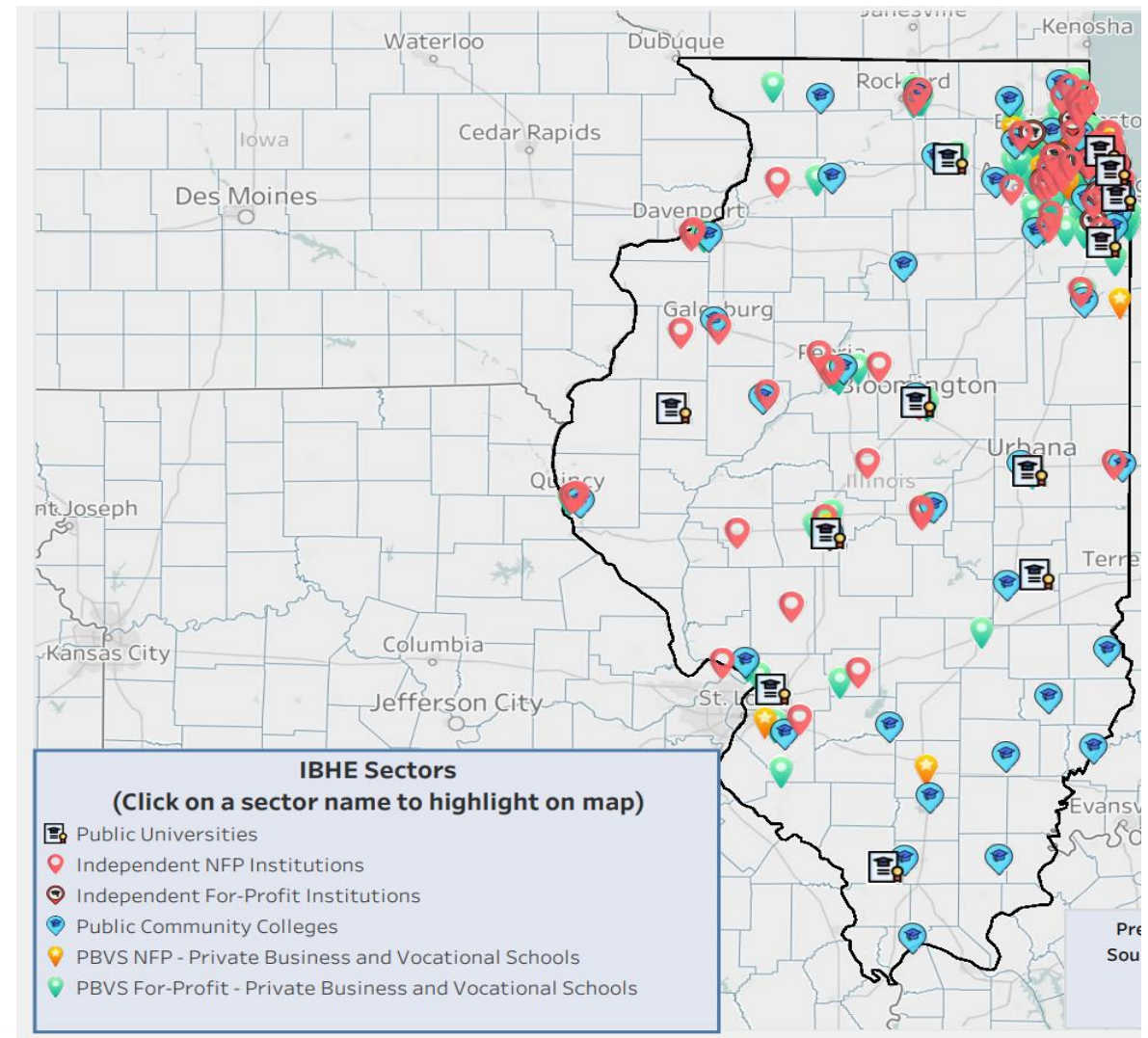
ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Overview of Academic Program Approvals

- Public Universities
 - New Units of Instruction, Public Service, and Research
- Independent Institutions
 - New Operating and/or Degree-granting Authority
- Public Community Colleges
 - New Units of Instruction

Higher Education in Illinois

- 197 institutions of higher education
 - 12 public universities
 - 91 private, non-profit institutions
 - 10 private, for-profit institutions
 - 36 out-of-state institutions with a presence in Illinois
 - 48 public community colleges
- 691,832 students enrolled Fall 2023
- 8,537 programs – public universities and independent institutions
- 5,451 programs – 48 community colleges



[Interactive Map of Higher Education Institutions](#)

Program Approval: Who Must Apply and Why

- Public Universities
 - New branch or new out-of-region campuses
 - New units of instruction, research or public service
 - Out-of-region programs
 - May be staff approved as a Reasonable and Moderate Extension
- Public Community College
 - New associate degree programs
 - Approved by Illinois Community College Board
- Independent Institutions
 - Operating Authority
 - Board approval by region
 - Degree Authority
 - Board approval by region
 - Board approval per degree level (associate, bachelor's, master's)

Criteria for Review and Approval

- Private College Act (110 ILCS 1005; 1945)
- Academic Degree Act (110 ILCS 1010; 1961)
- Board of Higher Education Act (110 ILCS 205/et.seq.)
- 23 Illinois Administrative Code 1030- Private institutions
- 23 Illinois Administrative Code 1050- Public institutions
- Dual Credit Quality Act
 - 23 Illinois Administrative Code 1009

A Thriving Illinois Goals



Close the equity gaps for students who have been left behind.

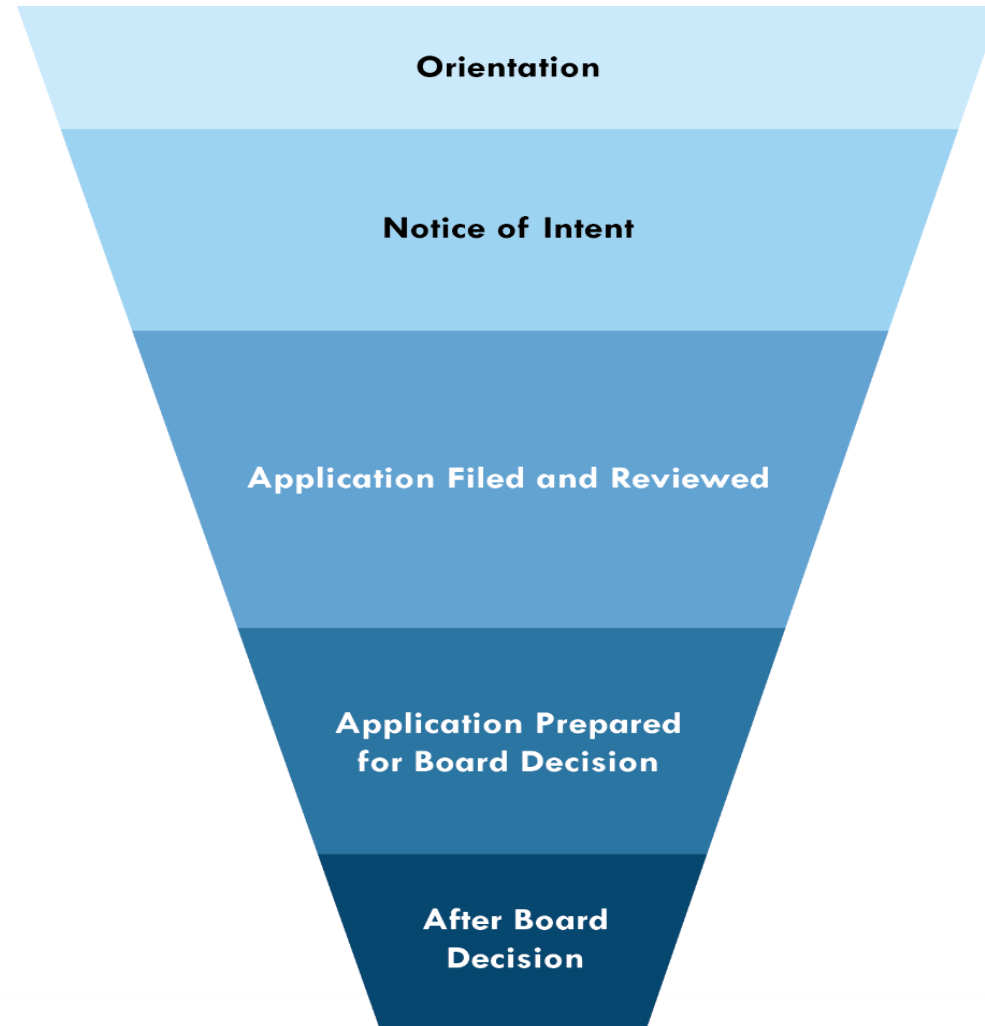


Build a stronger financial future for individuals and institutions.



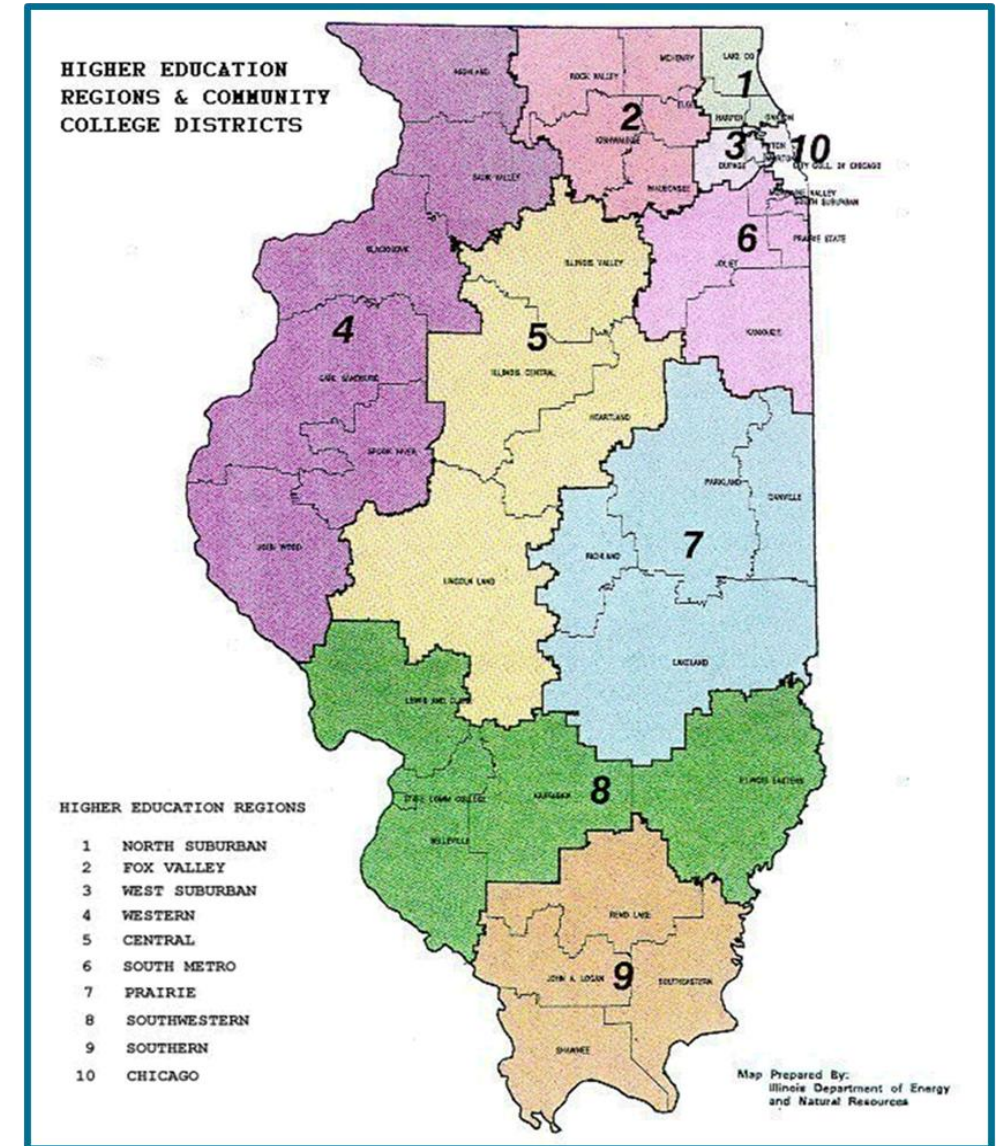
Increase talent and innovation to drive economic growth.

Application Process



IBHE Region Map

- Program approvals are by region in Illinois
- There are 10 different regions within the state
- Independent institutions must seek Operating Authority and Degree Granting Authority for each desired region
- Public institutions may seek to establish programs in a new geographic location or out-of-region sites, outside their home region
- IBHE maintains Region Tool Finder to find out which region an institution falls [IBHE Region Tool Finder](#)



Active Programs Count by Region and Institution Sector (till date)

	Program Count			
Region	Public University	Ind Non-for-Profit	Ind For-Profit	Out-of-State
Chicago	440	2725	42	51
Central	295	446	0	1
Fox Valley	175	237	4	18
North Suburban	19	727	13	14
Prairie	572	128	0	0
South Metro	104	481	47	8
Southern	255	3	0	0
Southwestern	158	234	0	9
West Suburban	4	795	102	1
Western	131	295	0	1
Total	2153	6071	208	103

Programs Approved July 2022–July 2024 by IBHE Region and Institution Sector

	Program Count (2022-2024)			
Region	Public University	Ind Non-for-Profit	Ind For-Profit	Out-of-State
Chicago	27	169	1	2
Central	29	38	0	0
Fox Valley	6	15	0	2
North Suburban	5	55	0	0
Prairie	62	28	0	0
South Metro	1	12	1	0
Southern	25	0	0	0
Southwestern	18	9	0	0
West Suburban	0	85	1	0
Western	6	15	0	1
Total	179	426	3	5

New Units of Instruction, Public Service, and Research at Public Universities

- Southern Illinois University Carbondale is seeking authorization to offer a Master of Professional Accountancy in the Southern region
 - Designed for professionals who do not have an undergraduate degree in business
 - Currently offers a traditional Masters of Accounting (MAcc)
 - Careers in public practice, industry, financial institutions, government, and other not-for-profit organizations
 - 10.6 percent employment growth rate from 2020-2030
 - STEM designated CIP Code

New Units of Instruction, Public Service, and Research at Public Universities

Comparable Accounting Programs		
<i>CIP Code: 52.1399 – Management Sciences and Quantitative Methods, Other</i>		
Institution	Accounting Program Titles	Region
Public Institution		
Illinois State University	M.S. in Accountancy	Central
Northern Illinois University	Master of Accounting Sciences	Fox Valley
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	Master of Accounting Science	Southern
Southern Illinois University Edwardsville	M.S. in Accountancy	Southwestern
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign	M.S. in Accountancy	Prairie
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*	Master of Accounting Science	Prairie
Western Illinois University	Master of Accountancy	Western
Independent Institution		
Roosevelt University	Master of Accountancy	Chicago
Roosevelt University	Master of Accountancy	North Suburban

Source: IBHE Program Inventory

*Similarly designed programs for non-business undergraduates entering into the accounting field.

New Units of Instruction, Public Service, and Research at Public Universities

- University of Illinois Chicago is seeking authorization of a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Linguistics in the Chicago Region
 - Currently offers BS in Computer Science and Linguistics, which has grown rapidly
 - Employment growth of 16 percent for translators and interpreters and 19.7 percent increase for speech-language pathologists
 - 3,000 job opportunities for interpreters and translators from 2022 to 2032
 - Supports multilingual Illinois

New Units of Instruction, Public Service, and Research at Public Universities

Comparable Programs		
Degrees Granted, Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts and Sciences, Major in Linguistics		
Institution	Degree	Region
Benedictine University	B.A. in Linguistics	West Suburban
Loyola University of Chicago	B.A. in Linguistics	Chicago
Northwestern University	B.A. in Linguistics	North Suburban
Southern Illinois University Carbondale	B.A. in Linguistics	Southern
University of Chicago	B.A. in Linguistics	Chicago
University of Illinois Urbana/Champaign	B.A.L.A.S. in Linguistics	Prairie

Source: IBHE Program Inventory

New Operating and/or Degree-granting Authority for Independent Institutions

- Lewis University is seeking authorization for a Bachelor of Science in Radiography in the West Suburban Region
 - Teach out of now closed Oak Point University students
 - Currently offers a Bachelor of Science in Radiography in its home region
 - Has IBHE approvals in other regions
 - Transfer of accreditation to Lewis University
 - Illinois Emergency Management Association American Registry of Radiologic Technologists certifications required for employment in Illinois

New Operating and/or Degree-granting Authority for Independent Institutions

Comparable Programs Degrees Granted, Bachelor of Science in Radiography		
Institution	Degree	Region
Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing	B.S. in Radiological Sciences	Western
Quincy University	B.A. in Radiology	Western
Roosevelt University	B.S. in Allied Health Radiologic Technology	Chicago
Rush University	B.S. in Imaging Sciences	Chicago
University of St. Francis	B.S. in Radiography	South Metro
Lewis University	B.S. in Radiography	South Metro

Source: IBHE Program Inventory

New Units of Instruction at Public Community Colleges

- College of Lake County
 - Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Management
 - Includes internship course to increase employability
 - Leads to the required ServSafe Food Service Sanitation Certification
 - Students learn about the various business segments within the hospitality industry
 - Employer partners include, Mariano's, Sunset Foods , Jewel Osco , Brae Loch Country Club
- Danville Area Community College
 - Associate of Applied Science in Speech-Language Pathology Assistant
 - Support personnel under the supervision of a certified Speech-Language Pathologist in settings such as schools, clinics, and medical facilities
 - Illinois State Licensure through the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR) as a Speech-language pathology assistant (SLPA) and the American Speech Hearing Association (ASHA) certification exam
 - Employment partners include Carle Outpatient Therapy Services, District 27 Special Education, Ashby Therapy Services

New Units of Instruction at Public Community Colleges

- Elgin Community College
 - Associate of Applied Science in Magnetic Resonance Imaging
 - Employment as magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technologists in healthcare settings
 - American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) national certification exam in magnetic resonance
 - Illinois requires ARRT-MRI certification for employment
 - MRI Certificate currently offered
- Harper College
 - Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Maintenance Technology
 - Provides entry-level employment as an aviation maintenance technician in both private and commercial aviation environments
 - Provides training on topics facing an FAA-licensed mechanic such as leadership, time management, human factors, and safety
 - Employment and advancement opportunities in Aviation Maintenance Technology field
 - Associate of Applied Science in Aviation Management
 - Prepares students for management positions within the aviation industry
 - Graduates can find employment with airlines and various airports
 - Employment and advancement opportunities in the Aviation Management field

New Units of Instruction at Public Community Colleges

- Lake Land College
 - Associate of Applied Science in Surgical Technology
 - Prepares individuals for entry-level employment as surgical technologists in healthcare settings
 - Industry credentialing as a Certified Surgical Technologist
- Lewis & Clark Community College
 - Associate of Applied Science in Human Services
 - Leads to entry-level employment and advancement opportunities in social services settings
 - Transfer to four-year colleges and universities, to further their education in social work, psychology, counseling, or sociology

New Units of Instruction at Public Community Colleges

- Prairie State College
 - Associate of Applied Science in Paramedicine
 - Entry-level employment and advancement opportunities as Emergency Medical Technician-Paramedics in healthcare settings
 - Graduates prepared for the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT) Paramedic exam. Required for licensure in Illinois
 - 12.7 percent employment growth of “emergency medical technicians” expected to increase in 2030
 - Employer partners include Ingalls Memorial Hospital, Chicago Heights Fire Department, Matteson Fire Department, Park Forest Fire Department, Calumet Fire Department