

PROPRIETARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATION & ENROLLMENT

The Department of Higher Education & Workforce Development oversees operating standards for proprietary schools to ensure students are treated fairly and receive education and training consistent with the published objectives of the schools. Certified schools provide education and training in more than 1,000 degree and certificate programs.

During Fiscal Year 2020, department staff renewed the certification of 136 existing institutions and 19 branch locations, received 17 application requests, certified 20 schools to operate, granted or reauthorized exemption from certification standards to eight schools, denied five applications, and monitored the closing of 17 certified schools.

The number of students enrolled in a Missouri private career school in FY 2020 decreased to 31,023. Student recruitment into programs out-of-state or via distance education decreased from 2,408 to 2,364.

