



## Proprietary School Certification and Enrollment

The Department of Higher Education 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 4,000 degree and certificate programs.

During Fiscal Year 2018, department staff renewed the certification of 112 existing institutions and 24 branch locations, received 58 application requests, certified eight schools to operate, granted or reauthorized exemption from certification standards to 15 schools, and monitored the closing of 11 certified schools.

The number of students enrolled in a Missouri private career school decreased over the past year from 45,966 to 42,683. Student recruitment into programs out-of-state or via distance education also fell from 2,688 to 2,358. However, the number of students enrolled in non-Missouri degree-granting institutions (regionally accredited institutions offering instruction in the state) increased nearly 22 percent over the past year from 4,822 to 5,877.

