

America's Proprietary Colleges & Universities 2018 SECTOR AT A GLANCE

In the early years of the decade, the nation's proprietary sector was defined by large publicly-traded schools offering online liberal arts education programs, often to part-time students. Today, most of those schools have either closed or dramatically reduced their reach. The sector today is again much like its history in America: a sector focused on **postsecondary career education** ranging from diplomas and certificates to associate and baccalaureate degrees, with even some post-graduate career education programs.



2016-2017

2015-2016





Enrollment





of those enrolled full-time are 25 and older

of those enrolled part-time are 25 and older

53% of 25 67% of 25

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of those enrolled part-time are 25 and older



Outcomes



In 2016, proprietary career colleges and universities produced nearly **630,000 academic credentials**. Top 10

Workforce Demand

By 2024, we will need 46.5 million new workers. Proprietary career colleges and universities are committed to producing over 5 million career professionals by 2025 to help fill this crucial demand.

Today, the Higher Education Act is America's Workforce Investment Strategy. 65% of all replacement jobs and 85% of all new jobs require some level of postsecondary education. The Higher Education Act provides access for low-income students to attend college and develop their professional career skills. Our task is to connect the Higher Education Act to jobs!

Graduation Rates: Proprietary vs. Public

4-Year Proprietary (minus online and publicly traded)*

programs included:



Medical/Clinical Assistant 57,719

Cosmetology 51,081





Registered Nursing 36,180



Massage Therapy 15,190



Aesthetician and Skin Care Specialist 15,030



Automotive Mechanics







Licensed Practical/ Vocational Nurse Training 10,714



Total Federal Grants/Loans and Military Benefits:

\$23B (16%)

Federal Tax Credits for Higher Education:

Proprietary Schools



Source: NCES 2017 First Look Reports, Department of Education (graduation rates within 150% of time, cohort years 2010 and 2013; four-year graduation rates exclude Carnegie selective classifications in the undergraduate profile, and exclude publicly traded/online four-year for-profit universities except Lincoln Technical Institute due to the career-oriented mission of the institution); NPSAS:12; NCES, The Condition of Education: Characteristics of Postsecondary Students; CollegeBoard 2017 Trends in Student Aid; Bureau of Labor Statistics; Federal Student Aid Office; Pew Research 2016; IPEDS Database

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