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Institutional Characteristics

On July 14, 2017, the preliminary Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) institutional characteristics data for the 2016-17 academic year was released. Preliminary data can provide initial insights into the data collection period. This report is a summary of the preliminary data for institutional characteristics.

IPEDS (2017) defines degree granting-institutions as “institutions that offer an associate's, bachelor's, master's, doctor's or a first-professional degree”. At the Center for Distance Education Research (Center) our research only includes those institutions that are degree-granting. In the 2015-16 academic year there were 4,860 degree-granting institutions and in 2016-17 there were 4,794 degree-granting institutions: a decrease of 66. The largest declines came from private for-profit, 4-year institutions and public, 2-year institutions, decreasing 32 and 31 respectively. The remainder of this report will examine these changes through three categories: 1) degree-granting institutions changing sectors, 2) new degree-granting institutions, and 3) closed or merged degree-granting institutions.

Institutional Sector	2015	2016	Difference
Private for-profit, 2-year	628	611	-17
Private for-profit, 4-year or above	745	713	-32
Private not-for-profit, 2-year	122	120	-2
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above	1,704	1,695	-9
Public, 2-year	927	896	-31
Public, 4-year or above	734	759	25
Total	4,860	4,794	-66

Degree-Granting Institutions Changing Sectors

In 2016, 46 institutions changed sectors from 2015. Twenty-six institutions changed from public, 2-year to public 4-year, thus increasing the number of community colleges transitioning to offering baccalaureate degrees. Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology reported a transition from a private not-for-profit, 4-year institution to a public, 4-year institution but their website still reflects the college as private, not-for-profit.

From Public, 2-year to Public, 4-year or Above (n=26)		
Antelope Valley College	Bakersfield College	Feather River Community College District
Foothill College	Modesto Junior College	Santa Ana College
Rio Hondo College	San Diego Mea College	Santa Monica College
Shasta College	Skyline College	West Los Angeles College
Pueblo Community College	Red Rocks Community College	Delaware Technical Community College-Terry
Tallahassee Community College	Alpena Community College	Henry Ford College
Tyler Junior College	Bellingham Technical College	Pierce College-Fort Steilacoom
Grays Harbor College	Spokane Falls Community College	Tacoma Community College
University of Wisconsin Colleges	Georgia Military College	
From Private for-profit, 2-year to Private not-for-profit, 2-year (n=2)		
Everest Institute- Norcross	Everest College-Arlington	
From Private for-profit, 4-year or above to Private for-profit, 2-year (n=10)		
Brown Mackie College-Kansas City	Center for Advanced Legal Studies	Fortis College-Largo
Virginia College-Augusta	Virginia College-Columbia	Virginia College-Spartanburg
Virginia College-Savannah	Virginia College-Tulsa	Virginia College-Knoxville
Fortis College-Cutler Bay		
From Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above to Public, 4-year or above (n=1)		
Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology		
From Public, 4-year or above to Public 2-year (n=1)		
Texas Southmost College		
From Private for-profit, 2-year to Private for-profit, 4-year or above (n=6)		
EDIC College	Career Networks Institute	Dallas Nursing Institute
St Louis College of Health Careers-Fenton	Remington College-North Houston Campus	Louisiana Culinary Institute

New Degree-Granting Institutions

In 2016, 80 institutions were reflected as new degree-granting institutions. The Center defined new as an institution that did not match the same unique identification number from 2015. IPEDS provides each institution with a unique identification number and that number is utilized in all IPEDS reports. Therefore, the Center utilizes this number for matching reports from year to year for comparison purposes. Institutions in the following chart did not exist in academic year 2015-16.

Private for-profit, 2-year (n=42)		
Institute for Business and Technology	McCann School of Business & Technology	Brightwood College-Houston
Educational Technical College-Recinto de Bayamon	InterCoast Colleges-Anaheim	National Career Education
Central Coast College	Nevada Career Institute	Career Technical Institute
Brightwood College-Friendswood	McCann School of Business & Technology	Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts-Austin
Universal Career School	National Polytechnic College	Eagle Rock College
MyComputerCareer.com-Columbus	MediaTech Institute-Dallas	Liberty Technical College
McCann School of Business & Technology	McCann School of Business & Technology	Fortis Institute-Houston
American Medical Sciences Center	Meridian Institute of Surgical Assisting	Vantage College
Miami Media School	Ross Medical Education Center-Kokomo	InterCoast Colleges-Fairfield
McCann School of Business & Technology	Ross Medical Education Center-Evansville	Med-Life Institute-Naples
Med-Life Institute-Lauderdale Lakes	Felbry College School of Nursing	Martinsburg College
Sonoran Desert Institute	Pacific Institute of Technology	Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts – Orlando
College of Health Care Professions-McAllen Campus	Milan Institute-Bakersfield West	Pima Medical Institute-Dillon
Med-Life Institute-Kissimmee	Spartan College of Aeronautics and Technology	McCann School of Business & Technology
Private for-profit, 4-year or above (n=16)		
Lincoln Law School of Sacramento	Trinity School of Health and Allied Sciences	Alhambra Medical University
Abraham Lincoln University	Huntington College of Health Sciences	Hope College of Arts and Sciences
Seattle Film Institute	Burrell College of Osteopathic Medicine	California Health Sciences University
National American University-Westwood Teach-Out Site	Chamberlain College of Nursing-North Carolina	Chamberlain College of Nursing-California
Kaplan University-Indianapolis	Kaplan University-Milwaukee	West Coast University-Center for Graduate Studies
Eastern School of Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine		
Private not-for-profit, 2-year (n=3)		
Elim Bible Institute and College	Remington College-Columbia Campus	Helms College
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above (n=16)		
Bais Binyomin Academy	Yeshivas Maharit D'Satmar	Yeshiva Zichron Aryeh
Central Yeshiva Beth Joseph	Northwest Suburban College	Virginia International University
Beth Medrash of Asbury Park	Yeshiva Gedolah Shaarei Shmuel	Claremont Lincoln University

Arkansas Colleges of Health Education	Indiana Wesleyan University-National and Global	The Colburn Conservatory of Music
University of the People	Wellington Shaw Christian University	Wongu University of Oriental Medicine
Piedmont International University		
Public, 2-year (n=2)		
Northeast Lakeview College	Clovis Community College	
Public, 4-year or above (n=1)		
Teachers College of San Joaquin		

Closed or Merged Degree-Granting Institutions

In 2016, 145 institutions were reflected as closed or merged degree-granting institutions. The Center defined closed or merged as an institution that did not have the same unique identification number from 2015. The institutions listed in the following chart do not exist in the 2016-17 institutional characteristics data file.

Private for-profit, 2-year (n=64)		
Carrington College-Tucson	Heald College-Rancho Cordova	Heald College-Fresno
Heald College-San Jose	Heald College-San Francisco	Heald College-Concord
Everest College-Reseda	Everest College-San Bernardino	Wyotech-Fremont
Pinnacle College	Prince Institute-Rocky Mountains	University of Southernmost Florida
Everest Institute-North Miami	Heald College-Honolulu	Business Informatics Center Inc
Dade Medical College-Jacksonville	Excel Learning Center	Everest Institute-Rochester
Fortis College-Cuyahoga Falls	Bucks County School of Beauty Culture Inc	Pace Institute
Yorktowne Business Institute	West Tennessee Business College	Court Reporting Institute of Dallas
Interface College-Spokane	Everest Institute-Cross Lanes	Carrington College-Portland
Heritage College-Denver	Heald College-Roseville	Everest College-West Los Angeles
Heald College-Stockton	Heald College-Hayward	Everest College-Anaheim
Everest College-City of Industry	Heritage Institute-Jacksonville	Wyotech-Long Beach
Everest Institute-Kendall	Sanford-Brown College-Middleburg Heights	Four-D College
Brensten Education	Florida College of Natural Health-Bradenton	Heald College-Portland
Quest College	Dade Medical College-West Palm Beach	Everest College-Fort Worth
Everest College-McLean	Dade Medical College-Miami Lakes	Heritage College-Kansas City
Eagle Gate College-Salt Lake City	National Massage Therapy Institute	National College-Stow
Fortis Institute-Miami	The College of Health Care Professions-Dallas	Fortis College-Montgomery
Metro Business College-Arnold	Sanford-Brown College-San Antonio	Dade Medical College-Homestead
Kaplan College-Jacksonville	Dade Medical College-Hollywood	National College-Willoughby Hills
Heald College-Modesto	Ashdown College of Health Sciences	Institute of Technical Arts
Heald College-Salinas		
Private for-profit, 4-year or above (n=41)		
Everest College-Phoenix	Sanford-Brown College-Tysons Corner	The National Hispanic University
Westwood College-South Bay	International Academy of Design and Technology-Nashville	Westwood College-Denver North
Collins College	Westwood College-Inland Empire	Westwood College-O'Hare Airport
Missouri Tech	Southwest Acupuncture College-Albuquerque	Everest College-Salt Lake City
Sanford-Brown College-Fenton	Westwood College-Aurora Campus	Westwood College-Dupage
Everest College-Mesa	Gooding Institute of Nurse Anesthesia	Westwood College-Anaheim
Mattia College	ITT Technical Institute-Deerfield Beach	Everest College-Ontario Metro
Westwood College-Los Angeles	Westwood College-Chicago Loop	Dade Medical College-Miami

Jones International University	Westwood College-Atlanta Peachtree Center Campus	Westwood College-Northlake
Westwood College-River Oaks	Westwood College-Arlington Ballston	Daymar College-Paducah Main
Westwood College-Annandale	ITT Technical Institute-Cedar Rapids	Strayer University-Louisiana
DeVry University-Utah	ITT Technical Institute-West Covina	ITT Technical Institute-Culver City
ITT Technical Institute-Bradenton	ITT Technical Institute-Germantown	ITT Technical Institute-Cary
DeVry University-Maryland	American InterContinental University-South Florida	
Private not-for-profit, 2-year (n=5)		
Everest Institute-Pittsburgh	Lighthouse Career Institute	Remington College-Cleveland West Campus
Montefiore School of Nursing	Institute of Design and Construction	
Private not-for-profit, 4-year or above (n=26)		
Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts	Clearwater Christian College	Northwood University-Florida
Bexley Hall Seabury Western Theological Seminary Federation	Husson University	Marian Court College
Baker College of Owosso	Baker College of Muskegon	Forest Institute of Professional Psychology
Ohio Mid-Western College	Emmanuel Christian Seminary	Milligan College
Burlington College	Northland International University	Bethel Seminary of the East
New England School of Communications	Baker College of Port Huron	Baker College of Auburn Hills
Baker College of Clinton Township	Baker College of Jackson	Baker College Center for Graduate Studies
Baker College of Allen Park	The Chicago School of Professional Psychology at Westwood	Knox Theological Seminary
Saint Gregory The Great Seminary	Baker College of Cadillac	
Public, 2-year (n=8)		
Delaware Technical Community College-Owens	Delaware Technical Community College-Stanton/Wilmington	Moultrie Technical College
Southwest Georgia Technical College	Texas State Technical College-Waco	Texas State Technical College-Harlingen
Texas State Technical College-West Texas	Texas State Technical College-Marshall	
Public, 4-year or above (n=1)		
Southern Polytechnic State University		

Resource

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