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First Report Shows Growth at Career Schools

HARTFORD, Nov. 21 – Nearly 18,000 Connecticut residents are enrolled across the state’s 92 career or private occupational schools, according to the first statewide tally of student counts at these institutions collected by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

Private occupational schools operate as for-profit businesses and are approved to operate in Connecticut by the Commissioner of Higher Education. The schools offer training in allied health, art and music, secretarial skills, the trades, computers, transportation, travel and hospitality, floral design, broadcasting and other specialized fields.

The 2000-2001 total of 17,858 students is up 2,386 or 15 percent over 1999-2000 with the bulk of students – 6,765 or 38% – enrolled at 14 business and industry schools, followed by the computer schools with 2,562 students or 14% of the total and those specializing in allied health with 2,221 students or 12% of the share. Combined, these schools account for almost two-thirds of all private occupational school enrollment.

“Private occupational schools are an important pipeline for the state’s workforce,” stated Higher Education Commissioner Valerie F. Lewis in presenting the figures to a morning meeting of the Board of Governors for Higher Education in Hartford. “We are pleased to recognize their growing role in preparing the state’s workforce.”

Changes in enrollment vary greatly among the schools. Enrollment at the business schools nearly doubled over the past year. Beauty schools enrolled 75% more students and computer schools saw a 31% gain. Four other types of schools – allied health, travel and hospitality, transportation and various others – experienced healthy, double-digit growth ranging between 11% and 14%.

Counts at the remaining two sectors were flat, with 2% fewer students at the business and industry schools, and 1% fewer at the music and art schools.

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(A summary of 2000-2001 private occupational school enrollment is attached.)

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Department of Higher Education
Fall 2001 Enrollment
Connecticut Private Occupational Schools

	1999-2000	2000-2001	Change	% of Change
Allied Health				
Allied Healthcare Advancement Training - East Haddam	0	14	14	**
Alpha B Nursing Services - Bridgeport	0	6	6	**
American Red Cross Vocational School - New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury	161	209	48	29.81%
Care Training Center - New Haven	239	195	-44	-18.41%
CT Center for Massage Therapy * - Newington, Westport	681	725	44	6.46%
CT School of Integrative Manual Therapy - Bloomfield	0	87	87	**
Cooks Nurse Aide Training - Plymouth	0	0	0	**
Dent-Temp Careers - Stratford	19	15	-4	-21.05%
Dental Careers Institute - Orange	22	57	35	159.09%
Educational Training of Wethersfield - Wethersfield, New London	285	235	-50	-17.54%
Galen Institute - Wethersfield, Stamford	86	75	-11	-12.79%
Health Careers Institute - Middletown	121	65	-56	-46.28%
Med-Care Training - Brookfield	152	155	3	1.97%
MediTrans - East Windsor	3	12	9	300.00%
New Haven Professional School - New Haven	0	20	20	**
Stat Training Center - Bridgeport	110	190	80	72.73%
Teamwork - Salem	16	19	3	18.75%
Valley Medical Institute - Waterbury	61	142	81	132.79%
Total	1,956	2,221	265	13.55%
Art and Music Schools				
CT Institute of Art - Greenwich	78	71	-7	-8.97%
Hartford Conservatory* - Hartford	48	58	10	20.83%
Shoreline Sch of Art & Music - Branford	30	25	-5	-16.67%
Total	156	154	-2	-1.28%

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Beauty Care Industry				
Carmen's Nail Academy - Waterbury	13	6	-7	-53.85%
CT School of Nails - Yalesville	9	17	8	88.89%
Institute of Aesthetic Arts & Sciences - Southbury	33	31	-2	-6.06%
John Casablancas Modeling & Career Center - Berlin	923	1,658	735	79.63%
Total	978	1,712	734	75.05%

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Business Schools				
Academy of Learning - Norwalk	186	119	-67	-36.02%
Academy of Learning - Waterbury	97	54	-43	-44.33%
CT Training Centers - East Hartford	134	757	623	464.93%
Total	417	930	513	123.02%

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Business & Industry Schools				
Baran Institute of Technology* - Windsor	999	852	-147	-14.71%
Branford Hall Career Institute* - Branford, Southington, Windsor	1,439	1,573	134	9.31%
Butler Business School * - Bridgeport *	267	304	37	13.86%
CT School of Electronics* - Branford	92	206	114	123.91%
Fox Business Institute* - West Hartford	440	388	-52	-11.82%
Goodwin Institute * - Waterbury, Milford	685	613	-72	-10.51%
Huntington Institute* - Norwich	102	104	2	1.96%
Industrial Management & Training Institute* - Waterbury	76	75	-1	-1.32%
Institute of Enviromental Mgmt & Technology - Shelton	0	0	0	**
New England Technical Institute* - New Britain, Hamden, Cromwell	1,051	1,080	29	2.76%
Porter & Chester Institute* - Stratford, Enfield, Watertown, Wethersfield	836	741	-95	-11.36%
Ridley-Lowell Business & Technical Institute* - New London	229	101	-128	-55.90%
The Sawyer School* - Hamden, Hartford, New London	277	400	123	44.40%
Stone Academy* - Hamden	394	328	-66	-16.75%
Total	6,887	6,765	-122	-1.77%

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Computer Schools				
Career Blazers School - Stamford	331	0	-331	-100.00%
Career Resources - Bridgeport	0	4	4	**
Certification Center - Glastonbury	0	0	0	**
CompuSoft Systems - East Hartford	0	212	212	**
CT Computer Services - Plantsville, East Hartford, Milford	0	143	143	**
Corporate Training Center - Enfield	65	181	116	178.46%
Ikon Office Solutions - Bloomfield	135	150	15	11.11%
Millennium Institute of Computers - New Haven	0	709	709	**
New Horizons Computer Learning Center of Hartford - Windsor	1,421	1,157	-264	-18.58%
Newtown Computer Training Center - Newtown	0	1	1	**
TrainAmerica - Bridgeport	3	5	2	66.67%
Total	1,955	2,562	607	31.05%

Transportation Schools				
Allstate Commerical Driver Training School - Shelton	144	288	144	100.00%
D & L Tractor Trailer School - Bridgeport	347	211	-136	-39.19%
New England Tractor Trailer Training Sch of CT - Somers	518	624	106	20.46%
Total	1,009	1,123	114	11.30%

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Travel & Hospitality				
Atlantic Bartender School - Waterbury	202	235	33	16.34%
Boston Bartenders School of America - Hamden			0	**
Boston Bartenders School of America - Hartford	299	368	69	23.08%
CT Culinary Institute* - Farmington, Suffield	178	283	105	58.99%
CT School of Bartending - Norwich	305	301	-4	-1.31%
National Bartenders School - Norwalk	392	392	0	0.00%
Worldtek Travel School - New Haven, Hartford	40	36	-4	-10.00%
Total	1,416	1,615	199	14.05%

	1999-2000	2000-2001	Change	% of Change
Other Schools				
CFA Floral Design School - Cromwell	42	64	22	52.38%
CT School of Broadcasting - Farmington, Stratford	145	160	15	10.34%
Edwardian School of Dog Grooming - New Canaan	0	0	0	**
Home Inspection Institute of America - Yalesville	144	143	-1	-0.69%
CT K-9 Education Center - Newington	48	31	-17	-35.42%
Institute of Children Lit/Long Ridge Writers Sch - West Redding	146	164	18	12.33%
Westlawn Institute of Marine Technology - Stamford	173	214	41	23.70%
Total	698	776	78	11.17%

TOTAL ENROLLMENT	15,472	17,858	2,386	15.42%
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*Title IV Schools

**Percentage change not applicable