

Unaccredited trade schools, by category

Cosmetology, barber schools and others under “Beauty and personal care” had the most institutions with at least one Post-9/11 GI Bill student enrolled in 2025, but driving schools, among others under “Transportation and driving,” had the most total enrolled students.

CATEGORY	TOTAL INSTITUTIONS	STUDENTS ENROLLED	AVERAGE TUITION	COMPLAINTS PER 100
Beauty and personal care	161	976	\$11K	4
Transportation and driving	160	4,277	\$8K	1
General education and academia	98	1,497	\$12K	1
Traditional trades and industrial	75	2,017	\$15K	1
IT, tech and business	66	1,726	\$13K	1
Safety and emergency services	45	180	\$4K	2
Government, religion and other organizations	38	380	\$15K	3
Sports, recreation and hobbies	28	402	\$11K	2
Medical and health care	28	117	\$7K	3
Arts, media and culinary	21	174	\$13K	2

The Post categorized unaccredited trade schools, first by using Google Maps API business categories – assigned by business merchants or suggested by users – such as “pet grooming school” or “horseshoe smithing.” Those 170 categories were then manually consolidated into 10 broader ones.

Source: The Department of Veterans Affairs Comparison Tool