

List of Reputable Technical/Vocational Schools

Be aware of 'for-profit' colleges, such as Computer Systems Institute, Everest, University of Phoenix, DeVry, ITT Tech, or Art Institute (of Schaumburg). They are 'for-profit' because they are owned and operated by companies that have stockholders and admittedly make a profit off of enrolled students. 'For-profit' schools have been under federal scrutiny for falsely reporting high job placement statistics of their graduates, and for pushing high-interest private loans (that may be giving 'kick-backs' to the school) for totals over \$40,000. Many of these schools tend to use high-pressure sales tactics to get students to enroll and take out loans. For example, many of the schools do not publish their tuition rates on their websites, and so prospective students must request information. The school then calls the student numerous times a day with sales pitches. Additionally, many of the schools are relatively quite expensive for the program: Computer Systems Institute's Medical Assisting program is a certificate program with a total cost of \$15,000, and because of their accreditation, students have to find their own clinical placement. CLC offers a full Associate's Degree in Medical Assisting, including clinicals, for about \$5500.

Cosmetology- no degree, only a diploma with state licensure

Tricoci University Libertyville www.tricociuniversity.com
Empire Beauty Vernon Hills www.empire.edu
Gateway Tech Racine campus only www.gtc.edu (will be licensed in WI)

(CLC does NOT have cosmetology; the Tech Campus program is only available to high school students)

Culinary- can get a certificate, associate, or bachelor's degree

Kendall College, Chicago www.kendall.edu
AAS Culinary Arts, Baking/Pastry
Certificate in Baking/Pastry, Professional Cookery, Personal Chef/Catering
Bachelor's in Hospitality Management
CLC, Grayslake www.clcillinois.edu
AAS Hospitality/Culinary Management
Certificate in Professional Cooking, Personal Chef, Baking/Pastry Assistant
Joliet Jr. College, Joliet www.jjc.edu (housing available)
AAS Culinary Arts, Hospitality Management
Triton College, River Grove, IL www.triton.edu
AAS Culinary Arts, Restaurant Management, Baking/Pastry
Certificate in Baking/Pastry, Bread Baking, Cake Decorating
Gateway Tech, Racine www.gtc.edu
AAS CulinaryArts

Diagnostic Medical Sonography (Ultrasound Technician)

Harper College, Palatine www.harpercollege.edu
AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography
Triton College, River Grove www.triton.edu
AAS Diagnostic Medical Sonography

(CLC does NOT have an ultrasound program, see next entry)

Medical Imaging (Radiography Technician: X-Ray, CT, MRI)

CLC, Grayslake clcillinois.edu

AAS Medical Imaging

Automotive- can get a certificate or associate degree

CLC, Grayslake www.clcillinois.edu

AAS Auto Collision Repair, Under the Car Technician, Under the Hood Technician
Certificate in Auto Structural Repair, Auto Refinishing, Auto Collision Repair, Auto Damage Analysis, Auto A/C
& Heating Specialist, Auto Electrical Specialist, Auto Fuel Systems Specialist, Auto Service Specialist, Auto
Brakes/Suspension Specialist, Auto Oil Change Specialist, Auto Transmission Specialist, Under the Car Tech

Gateway Tech, Kenosha or Racine www.gtc.edu

AAS Automotive Technician, Diesel Equipment Technician
Certificate in Automotive maintenance technology, Diesel equipment mechanic

Universal Technical Institute, Glendale Heights www.uti.edu

No degree, certificate in Automotive, Motorcycle, Diesel, Collision, Marine
Can also get certified in manufacturer specific advanced training programs

Lincoln Tech, Melrose Park www.lincolnedu.com

No degree, certificate in Automotive, Motorcycle, Diesel, Collision

Fashion Design/Merchandising

Harper College, Palatine www.harpercollege.edu

AAS Fashion Design, Fashion Merchandising
Certificate in Patternmaking, Apparel construction, textiles