



Academic Affairs: Biannual Reports

Maryland Higher Education Commission
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Background

- Summary of approvals and actions required by State law
- Formal reports on delegated authority from the Commission to the Secretary for a variety of approvals and actions
- Provides insight into important decisions regarding institutional operations and academic program approval

4 Reports from 4 Specific Teams

Institutional
Review

Private Career
Schools

Academic
Program
Review

Veterans
Affairs

Degree Granting Institutions

January 1 – June 30, 2025

- In-State Degree-granting Institutions
 - 1 Stage 1 Application in-process
 - 3 Stage 2 Applications in-process
 - 2 institutional closures in-process: Reid Temple Bible College and The Collegium
- Out-of-State Institutions Seeking to Operate in Maryland
 - 1 initial application approved and 3 in-process
 - 6 renewal applications in-process
 - 3 site closures completed and 7 in-process
- Degree-granting institutions with a religious exemption
 - 2 initial applications in-process
 - 4 renewal applications in-process

Degree-Granting Institutions: Distance Education

January 1 – June 30, 2025

- NC-SARA: 42,507 Maryland residents in 1,246 approved online programs at out-of-state institutions through SARA
- 40 Maryland institutions currently participate in SARA
 - 23 renewal applications were approved
 - 40,507 total out-of-state residents enrolled in an online program at a SARA participating Maryland institutions
 - 36,379 via SARA
- Non-NC-SARA institutions: 56 out-of-State Institutions are currently registered to enrolling Maryland students via distance education (aka “online registration”):
 - 5 Initial applications and 12 renewal applications were approved

Private Career Schools

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133 (93) Training Provider Questionnaires

5 (3) New Private Career Schools

MIAA Beauty

MTS Class

Per Scholas

Revolutionary Institute of Beauty

Nightingale School of Allied Health

2 (0) New Programs approved (at an existing PCS)

2 (4) Modifications (at an existing PCS)

- 2 Change of Locations

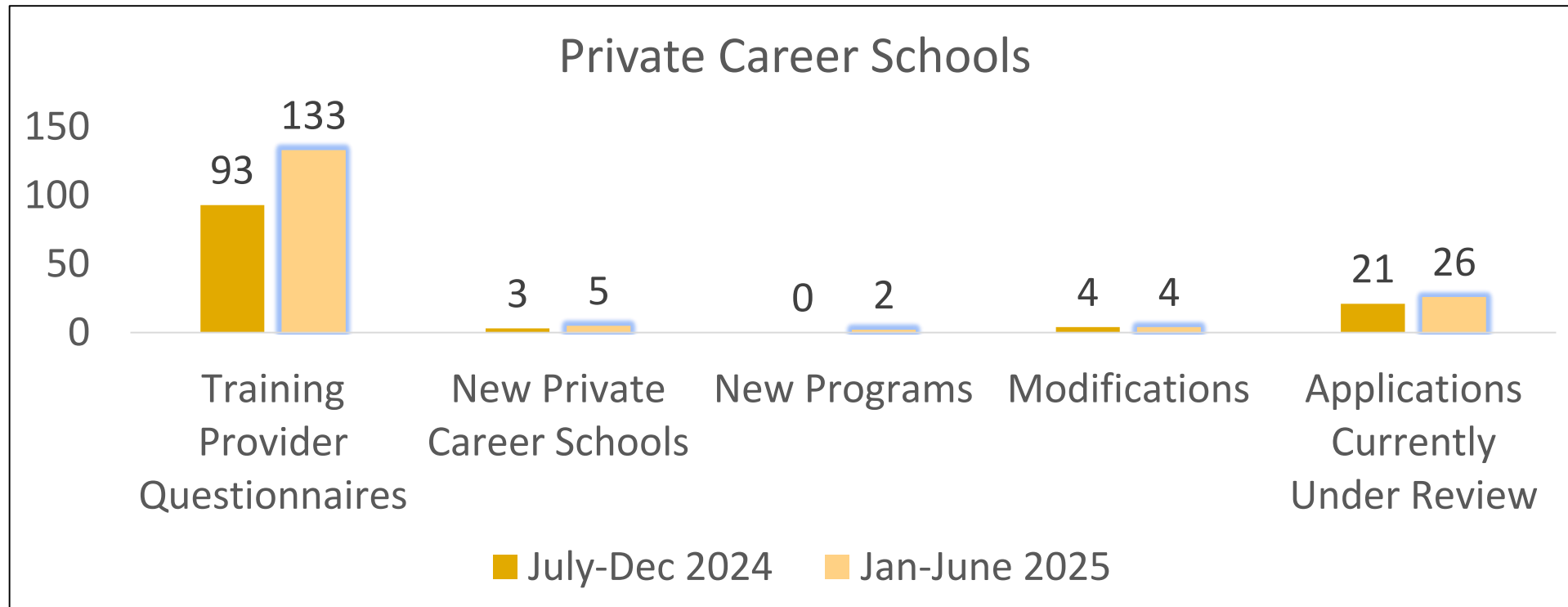
26 (21) Applications Currently Under Review

- 1 Massage*
- 3 Dental Assistant*
- 2 Nursing Assistant*
- 1 Allied Health
- 2 Phlebotomy
- 2 Nail Technician*
- 3 Clinical Medical Assistant (2 - 100% Online)
- 2 Cosmetology*
- 2 Real Estate Salesperson*
- 1 Line Cook Pre-Apprenticeship
- 5 Certified Nursing/Geriatric Assistant*
- 1 Welding
- 1 IT & AI Technology

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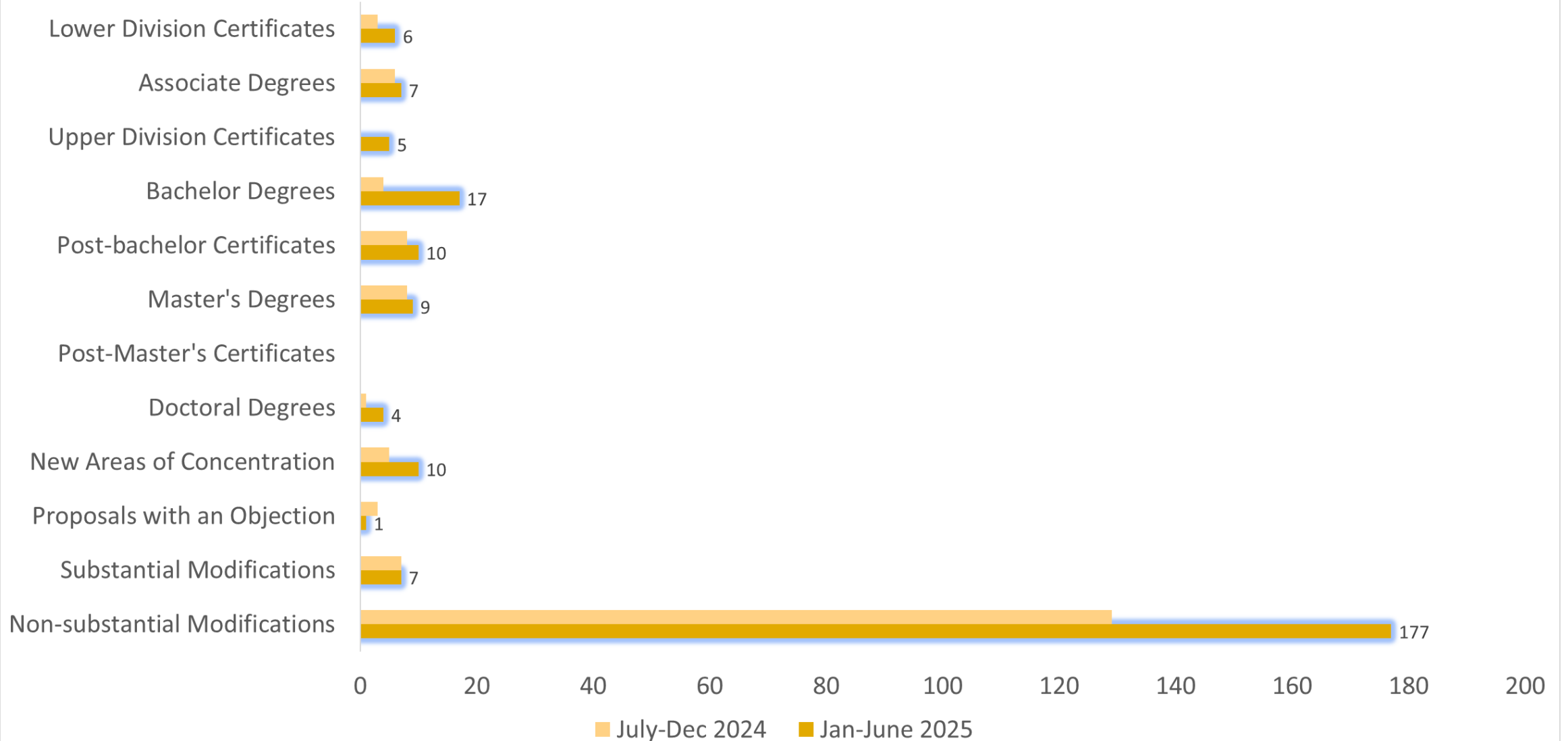


Academic Program Review at Degree-Granting Institutions

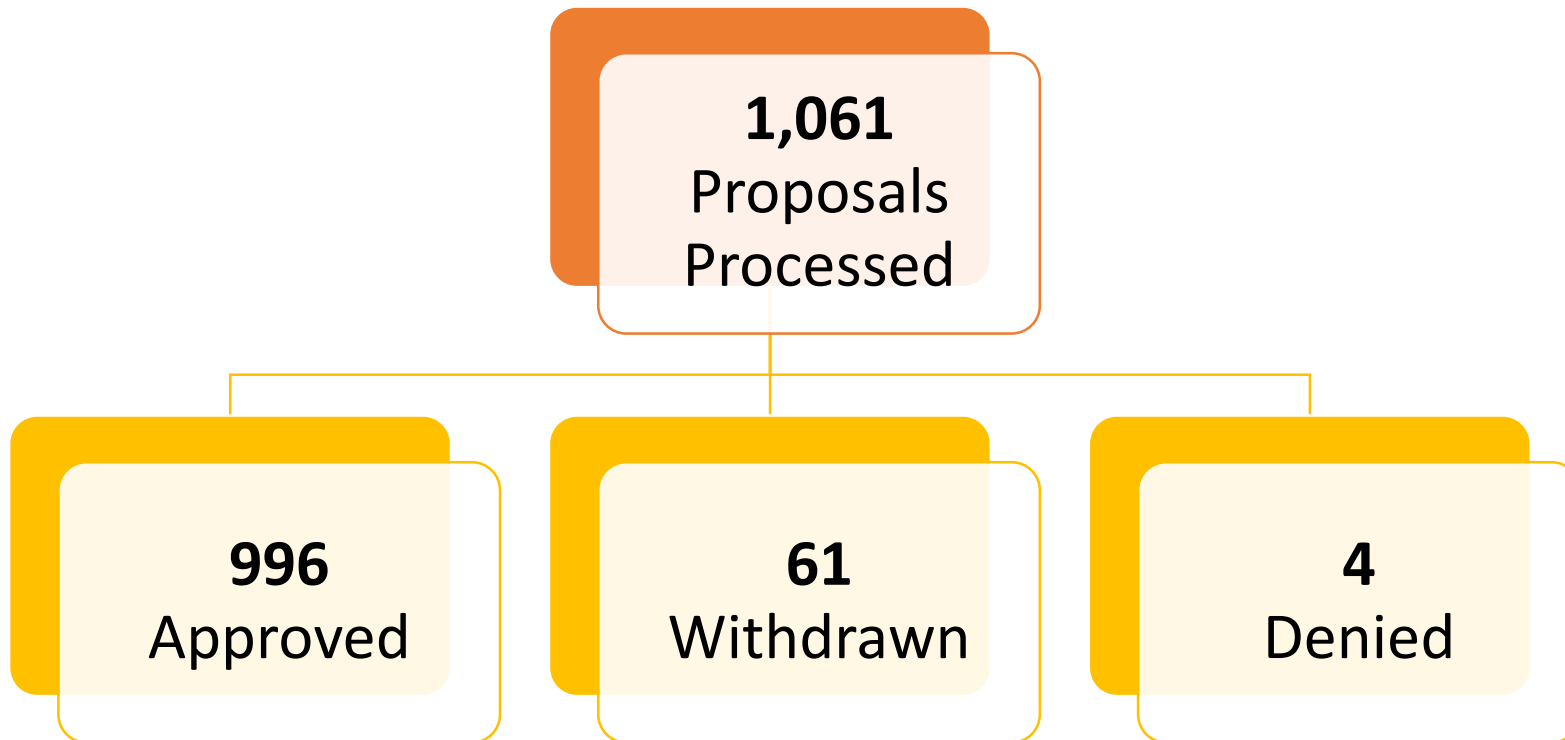
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- New academic programs:
 - 6 (3) lower division certificates
 - 7 (6) associate degrees
 - 5 (0) upper division certificates
 - 17 (4) bachelor degrees
 - 10 (8) post-baccalaureate certificates
 - 11 (8) master's degrees
 - 0 (0) post-master's certificate
 - 4 (1) doctoral degrees
 - 10 (5) new areas of concentration
- 1 (3) proposal with an objection
- 7 (7) substantial modifications
- 182 (129) non-substantial modifications

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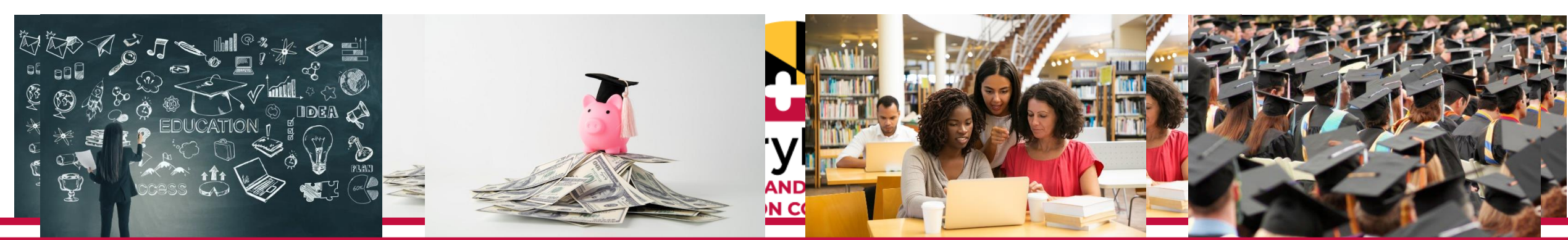
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15	Artificial Intelligence
9	Computer Science
28	Nursing
27	Teaching
8	STEM
71	Maryland Lighthouse Industries (Life Sciences; IT/CS/Cyber/Quantum, Aerospace)

Division of Veterans Affairs and State Approving Agency Highlights

October 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

- 80 applications for approval
- 1,695 (2,649) program-related actions through our catalog submission and program review process
- 12 (12) Supervisory Visits
 - 3 institutions of higher learning
 - 9 non-college degree schools
- 23 (11) new facility approval
 - 1 on-the-job training facility
 - 1 apprenticeship facility
 - 21 high schools
- 273 (356) actions related to technical assistance and liaison activities



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