Illinois Master’s Enrollment in Six Largest Disciplines

In 2015, a total of 105,365 students enrolled in master’s programs throughout Illinois, according to the most recent enrollment data available from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE). The six largest disciplines enrolled two-thirds of those students.

Master’s enrollment in the two largest disciplines, business and education, declined between 2011 and 2015. During this time, both computer and information sciences (CIS) and health professions grew sharply (up 65 percent and 54 percent, respectively) and by 2014, health professions had become the second largest discipline for master’s enrollment.

Trends at DePaul in master’s enrollment generally follow state trends. Master’s enrollment in both business and education have declined similarly while CIS and health professions have grown (although these gains were not as strong as at the state level). CIS represents a larger share of DePaul master’s enrollment and health remains a smaller share, compared to Illinois overall.

Source: IRMA. IBHE data used for both Illinois and DePaul enrollment in business, computer and information science, education, health professions, visual and performing arts and public administration and social services. The most recent IBHE enrollment data available is from fall 2015. Dotted graph lines indicate missing Illinois enrollment data in 2013. DePaul IBHE figures may differ slightly from DePaul Fact File. For more information, contact Liz Sanders at liz.sanders@depaul.edu.