

Reasons to Attend Prairie State College

- Fully accredited
- Credits that transfer
- Small classes
- Great career programs
- Dedicated professors
- Convenient scheduling
- Free tutoring and open computer labs

Admissions

Prairie State College offers “open admission” that encourages diversity and admits all high school graduates or the equivalent.

Here’s how to start your college career at PSC:

- Provide a high school diploma or GED.
- Take the COMPASS Placement Test or submit a copy of ACT scores.
- Meet with an advisor from Counseling and Advising to select courses. For questions, contact an academic advisor at (708) 709-3506.



Financial Aid

Prairie State College’s tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. More than 50 percent of our students receive financial aid.

The first and most important step in applying for financial aid is filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A FAFSA is required whether you receive federal or state financial aid, loans, grants, or scholarships.

Forms of financial assistance include:

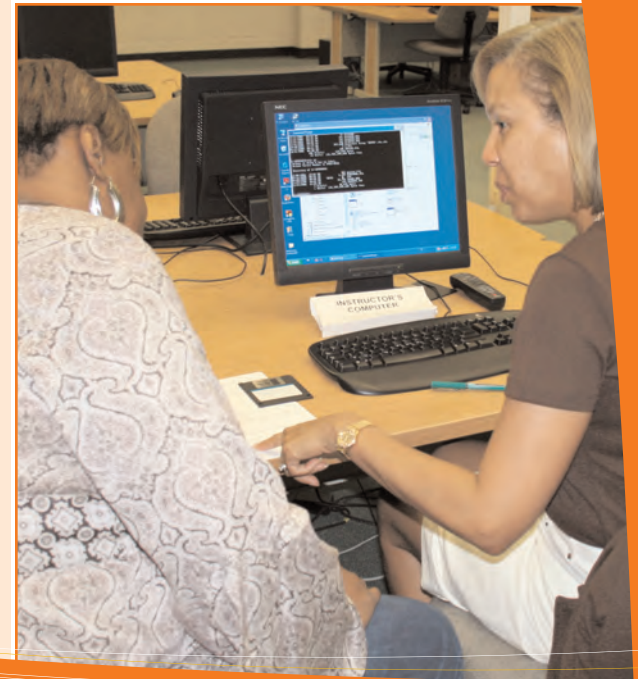
- Pell Grant
- MAP Grant
- Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loans
- PLUS Loans
- Work Study
- Scholarships
- Veterans Benefits

PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually to students who are not fully funded through any other source. Find out more at prairiestate.edu, go to choose a link, and click on scholarships.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562 or e-mail Alice Garcia at agarcia@prairiestate.edu.

Information Technology



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Information Technology

The Program

Information technology plays a critical role in all major industries as well as being a distinct industry on its own. Whether you are upgrading your skills or training for new career, Prairie State College's (PSC) information technology program can help you learn the technical and communication skills needed to have a successful career.

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, employment of computer support specialists and systems administrators is expected to grow. Job prospects should be best for those with a college degree. The demand for these workers will result as organizations and individuals continue to adopt increasingly sophisticated technology. Job growth is being driven by the ongoing expansion of the computer system design and related services industry, which is projected to remain one of the fastest-growing industries in the U.S. economy.

Degrees & Certificates

- Administrative Assistant—A.A.S. Degree
- Computer Repair Specialist—Certificate
- Desktop Publishing—Certificate
- Digital Mass Communications—Certificate
- e-Business—Certificate
- Game Design and Development—Certificate
- Network Security Specialist—Certificate
- Networking—A.A.S. Degree
- Office Assistant—Certificate
- Programming—A.A.S. Degree
- Programming—Certificate
- Software Applications—A.A.S. Degree
- Software Specialist—Certificate
- Software Technician—Certificate
- Software User—Certificate
- Web Developer—Certificate
- Webmaster—A.A.S. Degree
- Webmaster—Certificate

Prairie Tech

PSC has partnered with Microsoft, CIW and CompTIA to deliver training for industry certification exams including Microsoft, CIW, Prometric, and CompTIA. For more information, visit prairiestate.edu/prairie_tech/index.html.

About the Curriculum

PSC's program prepares students for the rapidly changing world of information technology including computer networking, programming, Web design, and the office environment. With a blend of both practical and theoretical instruction, students gain experience that can be adapted to large or small company situations. Classes are conveniently scheduled with evening courses available.

To view the curriculum for the degrees and certificates in this program, visit prairiestate.edu/worksheetmain.html.



For More Information

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