

WIA-certified programs at Prairie State College

Prairie State College offers state-approved training in the following career fields:

Credit Certificate Programs

- Accounting Technician
- Automotive Services Technology
- CAD/Mechanical Design Technology
- Child Care Assistant
- CNC Programmer/Operator
- Computer Electronics Technician
- Emergency Medical Technician
- Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning & Refrigeration
- Hydraulics Apprenticeship
- Industrial Electrician Apprenticeship
- Industrial Maintenance Technician
- Machinist Apprenticeship
- Management & Supervision
- Manufacturing Technology
- Networking Specialist
- Office Assistant
- Paraprofessional Educator
- Programming
- Software Specialist
- Software User
- Surgical Technology
- Tool & Die Making Apprenticeship
- Welder Apprenticeship

Degree Program

- Dental Hygiene

Non-Credit Certificate Programs

- Bank Teller Training
- Commercial Drivers License
- Dialysis Technician
- Fiber Optic Technology
- Health Unit Coordinator
- Home Inspection
- Medical Billing/Coding Specialist
- Medical Central Services Technician
- Mortgage Loan Officer
- Network Cabling
- Pharmacy Technician
- Project Management Professional
- Real Estate Appraisal Pre-Licensing
- Real Estate Transactions
- Security Officer Training

*Programs are subject to change.
For other WIA-eligible programs visit www.iwds.state.il.us/iwdshome*



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The Workforce Investment Act is at work for you in your community.



What Is the Illinois workNet Center?

The Illinois WorkNet Center (IWC) provides employment support services to help individuals become employable and self-sufficient. The IWC, formerly called Illinois Employment Training Center (IETC), is funded through the Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

Our state-of-the-art facility offers an expanded Resource Room with 12 computers, employment preparation, reference materials (books, training software, and DVD), a fax machine, and phone lines to call employers. Most important, we have a well-trained, friendly staff to assist you in your efforts. This is a self access resource room, which is open to the community.

What is WIA?

The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides the framework for a unique national workforce preparation and employment system designed to meet both the needs of the nation's businesses and the needs of job seekers and those who want to further their careers.

The WIA Act focuses on meeting the needs of businesses for skilled workers and the training, education and employment needs of individuals. Key components of the Act are the following:

- Enable access to information and services through the Illinois workNet Center (IWC) network.
- Empower adults to obtain the training they find most appropriate through individual training accounts.
- Ensure that all State and local programs meet customer expectations.



What does all this mean to you?

As Prairie State College's IWC Affiliate, we are dedicated to serving you by providing the highest-quality job search assistance available. We are here to give you assistance both before and during employment. We can also assist if you need to seek new employment, for whatever reason.

If you need additional training to obtain employment after receiving job search assistance, you may qualify to receive an Individual Training Account (ITA) voucher. ITA training vouchers are not guaranteed. Training funds are approved by the Cook County President's Office of Employment Training (POET), should you meet the requirements.

What services are available to job seekers?

- Orientation about the WIA law, eligibility requirements and resource referrals. Please call (708) 709-3911 for an appointment and/or more information.
- Career skills evaluation and testing to determine basic skills. Reading and Math testing is required; however, you must first complete orientation.
- Career Development Workshops include interviewing skills, résumé assistance, becoming a member of the Job Support Group, labor market information, and Illinois Skills Match assistance.
- Access to training software tutorials, as well as to the Internet (Resource Room computer lab), fax machine, and phone lines to call employers.
- Assistance in applying for funds for approved training opportunities, at either PSC or other approved training facilities.
- Referrals to supportive services as needed.
- Resource Room with materials available to promote adequate job search preparation and career development.
- Job postings.
- On-site interviewing with prospective employers.

Prairie State College's IWC is in staff partnership with the Cook County President's Office of Employment Training.

