

Areas of Study

For more information on the suggested curriculum for these programs, visit prairiestate.edu/worksheets/index.html.

Associate in Arts

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) is awarded to the student completing the required 62 credit hours in liberal arts. This degree is comparable to completing the first two years at a senior college or university. The Associate in Arts degree focuses on the arts, humanities, and social sciences.

Associate in Science

The Associate in Science (A.S.) is awarded to the student completing the required 62 credit hours. The degree is comparable to the work completed in the first two years at a senior college or university. The Associate in Science focuses on mathematics and the physical sciences.

Associate in Fine Arts: Art

The A.F.A. is designed to prepare students to transfer as juniors into a bachelor's degree program (B.F.A.) in Studio Art. Students are encouraged to complete their core courses in Art before enrolling in media-specific studio courses. A portfolio review is usually required for transfer to a four-year institution.

Associate of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Mathematics

The Associate of Arts in Teaching degree (A.A.T.) is a two-year program designed for students preparing for careers in secondary education. It provides a foundation in teacher education, field based experiences, and discipline-specific content. A.A.T. degrees are designed to facilitate transfer for students who intend to teach in high-need disciplines.

Unique Course Offerings

PSC offers a wide variety of course offerings for students who are looking to enhance their PSC education. For more information, students should contact an advisor at (708) 709-3506.

- Honors Program
- Learning in Community Courses
- Service Learning Opportunities
- Study Abroad Program

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 covers 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.

Transfer Degrees



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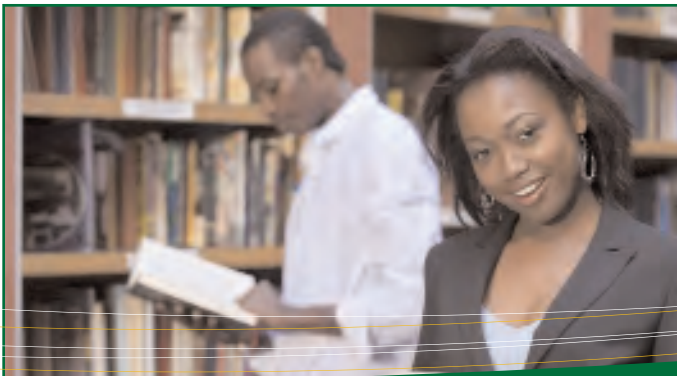
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Transfer Degrees

Credits that Transfer

Take the first step toward a bachelor's degree!

Prairie State College (PSC) offers associate degrees to prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities. PSC was the first college in Illinois to guarantee that its credits would transfer to other colleges and universities, an assurance that has grown through the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Participating schools agree to accept a "package" of IAI general education courses instead of their comparable lower-division general education requirements. To ensure a smooth transfer, students are advised to meet with a member of the college's advising staff.



Save Money

PSC's costs are lower than other colleges and universities. Spend the first two year of college at PSC and transfer to a four-year college or university in Illinois and save over 35 percent* on the cost of a bachelor's degree.

*The average cost of tuition and fees of Western Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois State University, University of Illinois Chicago, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign compared to the cost of tuition and fees at PSC. Source for state universities tuition and fees: An Admissions Guide for Counselors.

Transfer Student Resources

For more information on these resources, visit prairiestate.edu. Under "Choose a Link" Click on "Counseling and Academic Advising" and then "Transfer Students" or call the Counseling and Academic Advising Center at (708) 709-3506.

Workshops

Attend the Transfer Workshop Series offered at PSC.

Library of Resources

Check out the library of printed resources available in the Counseling and Academic Advising Center, including college guides, information on majors, as well as applications, viewbooks, and catalogs from over 50 colleges and universities.

College Fairs

Attend college fairs featuring four-year colleges and universities.

Individual Admission Representative Visits

Meet with representatives from a wide selection of four-year colleges and universities when they visit PSC's main campus. Find out more at www.itransfer.org/uselect/.

Online Course Audit

Find out what courses transfer using this free online service. For a complete list of institutions currently evaluating transfer credits, visit www.itransfer.org/uselect/.

iTransfer.org

Visit iTransfer.org, for information on the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI) statewide transfer agreement among the more than 100 Illinois colleges and universities.

Reasons to Attend Prairie State College

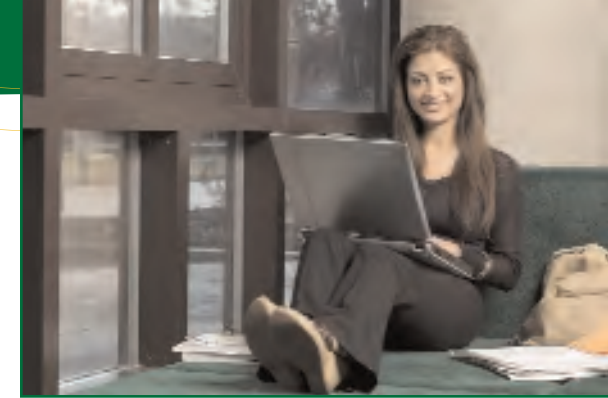
- Fully accredited
- Credits that transfer
- Small classes
- Great career programs
- Dedicated professors
- Convenient scheduling
- Free tutoring and open computer labs

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.



For More Information about associate degree options

Contact the Counseling and Academic Advising Center at (708) 709-3506.