

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 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.

Dental Hygiene



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Dental Hygiene

The Program

A dental hygienist examines patients' teeth and gums, cleans teeth, administers local anesthesia and nitrous oxide when necessary, takes dental X-rays, applies fluoride treatments and sealants to teeth, and educates patients about proper oral health care.

The two-year program of sequenced courses is accredited by the American Dental Association and the North Central Accrediting Board. This accreditation entitles graduates to sit for the National Board examinations for dental hygienists and the North East Regional Board examination eligibility for licensure in the State of Illinois or other adjoining states.

Degrees and Certificates

- Dental Hygiene—A.A.S. Degree



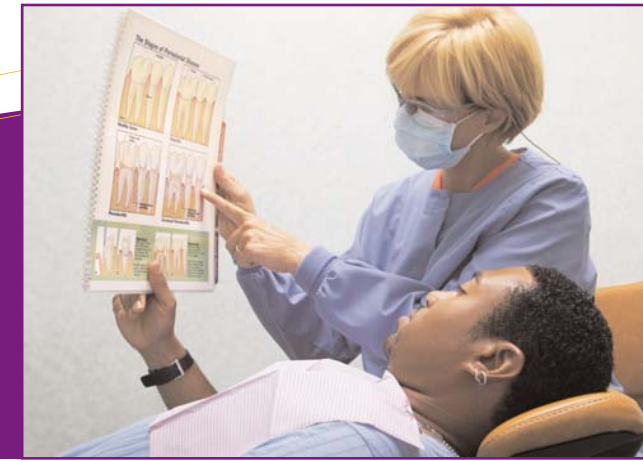
Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, dental hygiene is projected to be one of the 20 fastest-growing occupations. Older dentists, who have been less likely to employ dental hygienists, are leaving the occupation and will be replaced by recent graduates, who are more likely to employ one or more hygienists. In addition, as dentists' workloads increase, they are expected to hire more hygienists to perform preventive dental care so that they may devote their own time to more complex procedures.

About the Curriculum

PSC's Dental Hygiene program is taught by four full-time, licensed dental hygienists and two contracted, licensed dentists. In addition to this core team of faculty, are adjunct faculty made up of both hygienists and dentists, many of whom are working in the community. This combination of real-world dental experience and dynamic classroom instruction enables PSC students to enjoy the best of both worlds. The program combines courses in general education, basic science, dental science, and clinical science with learning experiences in the Dental Hygiene Clinic. Graduates of this program are eligible to sit for state and regional licensing examinations. Courses must be completed in sequence. Those who desire part-time college enrollment may enroll only in the general education courses prior to applying for entry into the Dental Hygiene program.

All application requirements must be completed and submitted by the deadline date of February 15. The Dental Hygiene rotation begins in the summer session right after Memorial Day.



For More Information

Contact Barbara Kelly-Gorbitz, coordinator of dental hygiene, at (708) 709-3714, or e-mail bgorbitz@prairiestate.edu.