

## 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](http://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](mailto:agarcia@prairiestate.edu).

# EMT-B First Responder



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## The Program

There will always be a need for dedicated, qualified individuals to assist others in emergencies. Emergency medical technicians (EMT) or first responders perform vital functions such as patient assessment, airway control, and management of acute illnesses and injuries. Prairie State College's (PSC) EMT and First Responder programs are presented in conjunction with St. James Hospital, and students learn from Illinois Department of Public Health lead instructors.

## Degrees & Certificates

- EMT—Certificate
- First Responder—Certificate

## Career Opportunities

There will always be a need for individuals to assist others in times of medical emergency. Employment opportunities exist with private ambulance services, fire departments, and in hospital emergency rooms. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, an entry-level EMT earns an average hourly rate of \$12, which can reach \$21 with experience and advanced training.



## About the Curriculum

In PSC's EMT program, students acquire the knowledge and skills to handle the critically ill and injured in emergency situations. Students receive a combination of clinical experience and classroom instruction, at both PSC and St. James Hospital. This 7-credit-hour program prepares students to take the state certification exam to obtain a license to work on an ambulance crew or in an emergency room.

In the first responder program, students are trained to keep individuals alive who are injured in the workplace, home, or community until the paramedics arrive. Classroom and lab activities total three credit hours. Students obtain CPR certification upon successful completion.

To view the curriculum for this program, visit [prairiestate.edu/worksheets/index.html](http://prairiestate.edu/worksheets/index.html).

## For More Information

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