

## 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).

# Paramedicine



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# Paramedicine

## The Program

Are you calm in an emergency? Consider a career as a paramedic. Train to work for fire departments, law enforcement agencies, private ambulance companies, and hospitals. Prairie State College's paramedicine program prepares students for the advanced skills of pre-hospital care used in the assessment and treatment of illness or injury.

## Degrees & Certificates

- Paramedicine—Associate in Applied Science

## Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the job outlook in this field is expected to grow faster than the average rate through 2012. Population growth will increase the demand for full-time, paid paramedics; however, part-time and volunteer paramedics will still be needed to supplement the full-time work force. Employment opportunities include fire departments, emergency rooms, and ambulance services.

## About the Curriculum

The program prepares students to be qualified and skilled professionals in the field of emergency medical services as paramedics. Students take general education courses to enhance written verbal and analytical skills. The core courses teach students the science and the art of dealing with individuals in highly stressful situations. The program follows the national curriculum for paramedics, which will allow graduates to test through the National Registry.

Before a student can apply for admission into the program, the student must

- be a currently licensed EMT in the State of Illinois
- document a minimum of six months of work as an EMT
- complete Medical Terminology with a grade of C or better
- complete Anatomy/Physiology I with a grade of C or better

## Option for Practicing Paramedics

Practicing paramedics will have an opportunity to participate in a bridge program to obtain the A.A.S. degree. Students must be active in the practice of paramedicine; show proof of a current paramedic license; be up-to-date with continuing education requirements; and obtain a letter of recommendation from the department EMS coordinator, the department chief, or the regional medical director

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



## For More Information

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