

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

PSC 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 Information

PSC's tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. Additional information at prairiestate.edu/finaid.

How to Apply

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at fafsa.gov.

2. Notification from Department of Education

If you listed PSC's school code in your FAFSA, the college's Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

3. Notification from PSC

Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Dept. of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents. Students are required to complete the PSC financial aid application.

4. Determination Letter

Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562 or e-mail Alice Garcia at agarcia@prairiestate.edu.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

Visit prairiestate.edu/ge for important information about our gainful employment programs.

Paramedic



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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 (PSC) paramedicine program prepares students for the advanced skills of pre-hospital care used in the assessment and treatment of illness or injury.

Degree

- Paramedicine—Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S).

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the job outlook in this field is expected to grow as fast as the average for all occupations through 2018. Growth in this occupations is mostly due to an aging population, who have more medical emergencies. 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; and
- 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.



For More Information

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