

Game Design

The Program

Video games produce more revenue than movie theater box office receipts. Game designers are the masterminds who conceptualize the mission, theme, plot, and rules of a game. Game designers create popular video games as well as games used for education and training. Whether you want to learn for fun or to gain the skills to launch an exciting career, Prairie State College's (PSC) Game Design and Development certificate prepares you for a career as a game designer.

Degrees and Certificates

- Game Design and Development Certificate

Career Opportunities

According to the US Bureau of Labor Statistics, software publishing will be the third-fastest growing industry over the next decade, increasing by more than 67 percent. Experienced game designers may earn salaries of \$65,000 or more with large software companies. As audiences continue to play computer and video games, the demand for skilled game designers is expected to increase.

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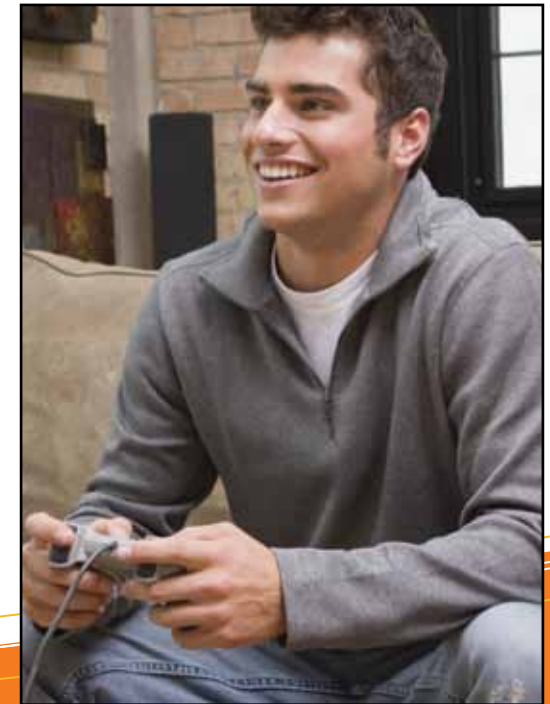
PSC has partnered with Microsoft, CIW, and CompTIA to deliver training for industry certification exams including Microsoft, CIW, Prometric, and CompTIA. For more information, visit prairiestate.edu/prairie_tech/index.html.



About the Curriculum

PSC's program combines current technology skills with art, design, writing, and programming. The coursework offers students the chance to explore many facets of the industry including digital entertainment and educational software design. Courses include computer art, animation, digital storytelling, and programming.

To view the curriculum for this certificate, visit prairiestate.edu/worksheetmain.html.



For More Information

Contact Jackie Dennis, professor and coordinator of ITNET/ITPRG/ITWEB Information Technology, at (708) 709-3649 or e-mail jdennis@prairiestate.edu, or Sally Haywood, professor and coordinator of ITAPP/ITOFIS, Information Technology at (708) 709-3653, or e-mail skhaywood@prairiestate.edu.

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.

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