

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 cover 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.

Game Design



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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 & 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.

Prairie Tech

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

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