

Photography

The Program

Students at Prairie State College (PSC) can earn an Associate of Arts degree, specializing in photography. The comprehensive program is one of only two such specialty programs in the state. You'll learn professional techniques in a stimulating, creative atmosphere, using state-of-the-art facilities and equipment.

Our studio and lab classes use cutting-edge technology and focus on both commercial and expressive applications. The facilities are open six days a week, staffed by knowledgeable lab assistants, and are available exclusively to currently enrolled students. Whether you go for an A.A.S. degree or a certificate, you'll be exposed to the fundamentals of photographic theory and daily practice in camera, lighting, and digital imaging techniques.

Degrees and Certificates

- Photography Studies—A.A.S.
- Photography—Certificate
- Portrait Photography—Certificate

Career Opportunities

PSC offers training that allows its graduates to begin a successful career in photography. The program teaches fundamentals as well as the latest technology.

Demand for portrait photographers should increase as the population grows. Some self-employed photographers have contracts with advertising agencies, magazine publishers, or other businesses to do individual projects for a set fee, while others operate portrait studios or provide photographs to stock-photo agencies. Most salaried photographers work in portrait or commercial photography studios. Others work for newspapers, magazines, and advertising agencies.

About the Curriculum

The need for formal education in the photographic arts has never been greater. The field demands that graduates be proficient in both traditional film and digital methods of photographic production. This program is designed to provide the student with practical experience in creative and vocational applications of photography. You will be challenged to explore and express your ideas through commercial, social, and aesthetic visual problems. Specialize in either print or studio production.

Course curriculum ranges from traditional black and white photography to advanced experience in digital color production. Cameras are provided for necessary course work in direct digital capture.



For More Information

Contact Mike Maddox, professor art and graphic communications, at (708) 709-3679 or e-mail at mmaddox@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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