

Reasons to Attend Prairie State College

- Fully Accredited
- Credits That Transfer
- Small Class Sizes
- 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. Over 44 percent of students receive financial aid.

For qualified students, the following federal and/or state programs may provide financial assistance to help fund college expenses:

- Pell Grant
- Work Study
- MAP
- Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loans
- Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loans
- PLUS Loans
- Some assistance is based on need, some on academic merit, and some on other criteria a student may meet.
- Veterans benefits are available.
- Other financial aid opportunities include Board of Trustee Scholarships that cover tuition and fees for two years and PSC Foundation scholarships.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562.

Fire Science Technology



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Fire Science Technology

The Program

Fire departments are looking for qualified individuals to devote themselves to a challenging and satisfying career as a firefighter. Entry level requirements are rigorous, but firefighters report a high degree of job satisfaction.

To be successful in this high-energy career, candidates must possess personal courage, dedication, patience, and initiative. Firefighters also must remain calm in a crisis and be able to endure traumatic situations. Upon completing a fire science degree, students will be prepared for a career as a firefighter. PSC's Fire Science classes are approved by the Illinois Office of State Fire Marshal for state certification.

Degrees & Certificates

Fire Science Technology—Associate in Applied Science Degree

Fire Science Technology—Certificate

Firefighter II —Certificate

Firefighter III —Certificate

Firefighter/EMT —Certificate

Career Opportunities

Emergency response is one part of a firefighter's job. They also specialize in fire prevention and inspection, arson investigation, and public education. Firefighters also spend time training themselves and others. Although firefighters can find work in a variety of business and industrial settings, most work in municipal fire departments. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual salary ranges from \$30,000 to \$50,000.



About the Curriculum

The Fire Science program is taught by adjunct faculty who are members of local fire departments.

The A.A.S degree curriculum prepares students for employment as a municipal firefighter, fire inspector, or insurance investigator. PSC has an articulation agreement with Southern Illinois University for those who want to pursue a bachelor's degree in Fire Science Management.

The Firefighter II certificate is designed to prepare students seeking employment in fire service and prepares them for the state exam.

To view the curriculum for these programs visit prairiestate.edu/worksheetmain.html



For More Information

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