

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 covers 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.

CAD/ Mechanical Design



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CAD/Mechanical Design

The Program

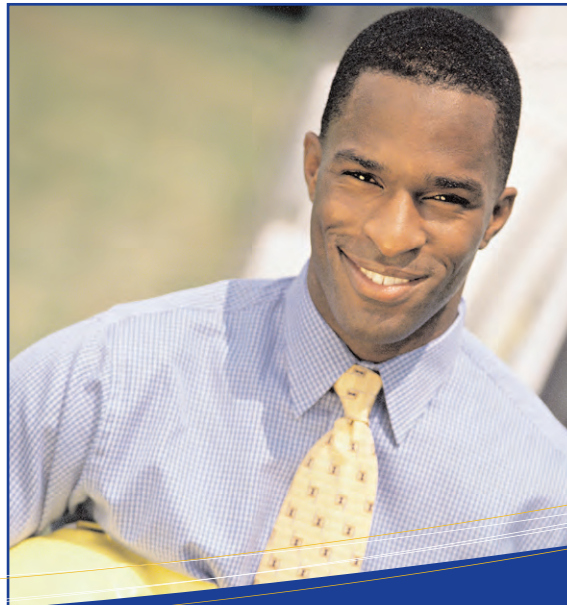
The CAD/Mechanical Design Technology program prepares students for careers as drafters, mechanical designers, and CAD technicians. Those employed in this profession prepare technical drawings and plans, which are used to build everything from manufactured products to structures. These drawings are instrumental to product and structure creation, providing the blueprint for the entire project.

Degrees and Certificates

- Associate in Applied Science Degree—CAD/Mechanical Design Technology
- Certificate—CAD Drafter
- Certificate—CAD Technician
- Certificate—CAD/Mechanical Design Technology

Career Opportunities

Computer-aided drafting and design is a vital part of every field where design activities occur and where technical drawings are required. There are career opportunities in manufacturing firms, contract drafting firms, surveying and mapping companies, and in any company that requires technical drawings. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual wage ranges from \$28,540 to \$68,120. The best job opportunities are predicted for those with two years of professional training.



About the Curriculum

The courses in this program emphasize basic drafting and drawing skills; design and analysis of mechanisms and mechanical parts; and the use of CAD systems to draw, design, and analyze mechanical devices.

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



For More Information

Contact Dale Ballard, associate professor and program coordinator, at (708) 709- 3769 or dballard@prairiestate.edu.