

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:

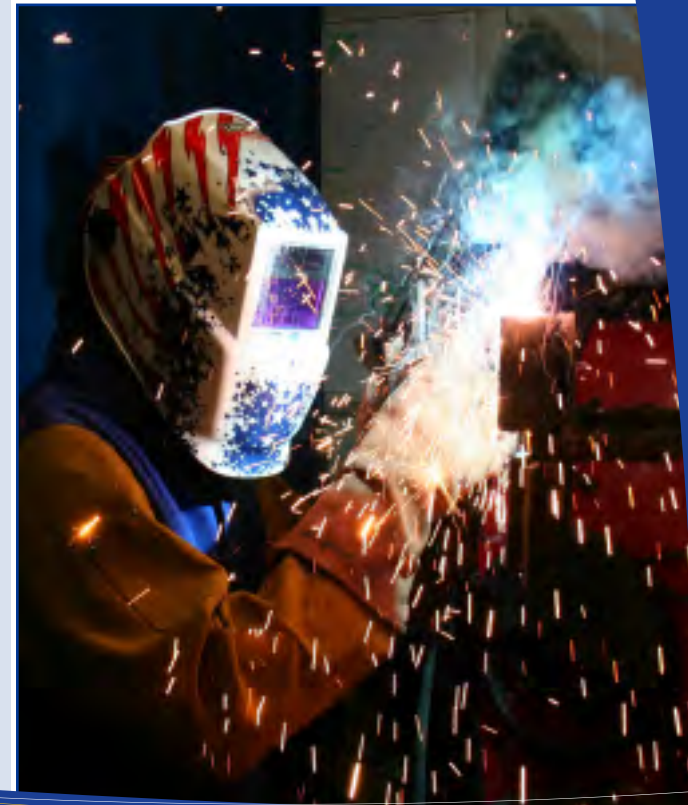
- Pell Grant
- MAP Grant
- Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loans
- PLUS Loans
- Work Study
- Scholarships
- Veterans Benefits

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.

Welding



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Welding



The Program

Welders have valuable crossover skills, making them an integral part of any business that relies on having on-site welding capabilities. Prairie State College provides training to become proficient with the tools and techniques of all phases of welding.

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, job prospects for welders will vary with the welder's skill level and are good for welders trained in the latest technologies. However, welders without up-to-date training may face competition for job openings. Welders can expect to make about \$16 per hour.

Degrees and Certificates

- Welder Technician—Certificate
- Welding Specialist—Certificate

About the Curriculum

The welding program prepares students to perform various manufacturing, repair, and maintenance tasks. PSC's welding lab features 20 arc and 20 oxygen/acetylene welding and cutting stations, and other metal machining tools. Classes are conveniently scheduled with evening courses available.

Students learn to custom build devices by working from machine drawings and specifications. There are two different certificates offered. The welding specialist certificate is designed to concentrate on welding skills using processes that are most widely employed in business and industry, while the welding technician certificate teaches students to custom-build devices by working from machine drawings and specifications.

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



For More Information

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