

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.

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Music Production

A World of Digital Sounds

In a world of digital electronics, one person can be a musician, composer, arranger, sound engineer, and marketing specialist. Work that formerly required specialized and costly studio settings and equipment now can be produced using a computer and music production software. Independent studios and producers are flourishing, and the Internet makes it possible to distribute the music worldwide.

The Program

Prairie State College's (PSC) Computer Assisted Music Production program takes a unique approach to preparing students for a career in the music and sound industry. With the wide range of courses in PSC's certificate and degree programs, students who complete the program are prepared to be employed in a variety of situations.

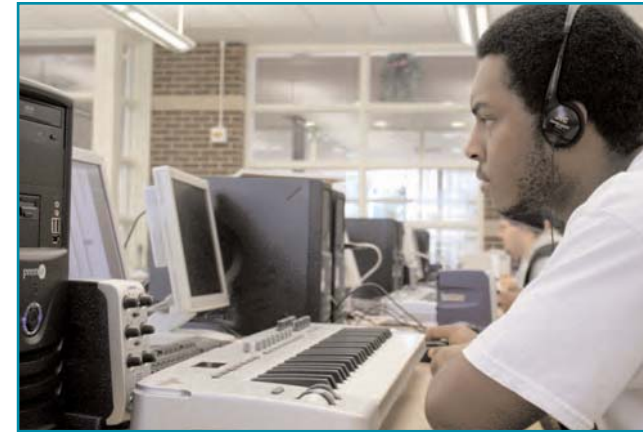
Degrees & Certificates

Music Technology – Certificate

- This program prepares students to work as assistants and technicians in the music industry.
- Provides theoretical and classroom experience closely paralleling on-the-job activities.
- Provides a technical understanding of acoustics, audio devices, optics, and projectors.
- Provides hands-on experience in design, set-up, and operation of technical systems, live sound, and audio visual presentations.

Music Production – A.A.S. Degree

- Develop the technical skills and aesthetic judgment to handle both the artistic and technical demands of music and sound production.
- Prepares students for employment as independent composers/producers, sound producers for animation or video games, interactive Web site designers, and business entrepreneurs in music and audio-related fields.
- Pursue A.A. in Music Education concurrently with the certificate or A.A.S. degree



Career Opportunities

- Music Production and Music Technology are emerging occupations with broad responsibilities.
- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there is an expected growth of 17 percent nationally through 2016 and 12 percent in Illinois through 2012 for careers in music production.
- Metropolitan areas are especially competitive because of high-pay and the number of job seekers out-numbering the positions available.



For More Information

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