

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.

CNA/ Advanced Bedside Care



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The Program

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in a person's life? Being a certified nursing assistant enables you to improve the quality of life for individuals and reduce the pain and suffering related to disease and disability.

A certified nursing assistant provides direct bedside care to individuals in hospitals, homes, or long-term-care facilities. These caregivers assist with bathing and grooming, mobility, maintaining nutritional and fluid intake, toileting, and assessing vital signs. You will work with other healthcare providers to formulate a plan of care for each individual for whom you provide assistance. You will work under the direct supervision of a licensed healthcare provider such as an RN or LPN.



Degrees and Certificates

Prairie State College is pleased to offer the Advanced Bedside Care Provider certificate to CNAs who are currently working in a healthcare institution and wish to enhance their skills. A student must complete or have completed the CNA course and be active on the registry to be eligible for this certificate. In addition to Nursing 100 (7 credit hours), students will need to complete the following:

- Principles of Communication (COMM 101) 3
- Introduction to Psychology (PSYCH 101) 3

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, there are nearly 1,800 jobs available annually in Illinois for certified nursing assistants. This field is expected to keep growing in coming years, even as much as 28%. One of the biggest bonuses of this healthcare role is its flexibility in shifts and hours worked.

Healthcare institutions usually offer a variety of fringe benefits, including health insurance and paid vacations. Coursework for the CNA certificate transfers into PSC's two-year Nursing program.

About the Curriculum

PSC Nursing 100 is the 7-credit hour course that fulfills the requirements to allow a student to take the certification exam. Individuals in this field need to be able to lift 50-80 pounds, distinguish colors, see at corrected 20/20 vision, hear at normal levels, and tolerate prolonged standing, stooping, lifting, and bending.

A criminal background check is required for all nursing assistants. Certain misdemeanors and felonies will prevent an individual from being placed on the state registry. Students must also provide documentation of a TB (Mantoux) test result that is no older than three months. A Social Security number is required to register for the class.



For More Information

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