

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.

Medical Laboratory Technician



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Medical Laboratory Technology

The Program

A medical laboratory technician works behind the scenes to investigate and analyze blood and other body fluids to reveal information about disease and how the body is responding to treatment. If you are detail orientated and have good hand/eye coordination, a medical laboratory career may be for you. Workers in this field should have an inquisitive nature, enjoy working with lab equipment, possess manual dexterity, and have an aptitude for math and science.

The PSC/KCC Partnership

Through a partnership with Kankakee Community College (KCC), students take classes at PSC and receive a degree from KCC. Most of the credit hours for the program come from PSC. Students must apply to the program early, be accepted at KCC, and take the core curricula. Please note that students will need to travel to the KCC campus on occasion. Those who wish to enroll must first make an appointment with the health career counselor at KCC. Call (815) 802-8835.

For More Information

Contact Gwen Dean, dean of health professions and director of nursing, at (708) 709-3766, or e-mail gdean@prairiestate.edu. At KCC contact Manuela Sawalna, coordinator of medical laboratory technician program, at (815) 802-8636.

Degrees and Certificates

- Medical Laboratory Technician—A.A.S. Degree

About the Curriculum

The Medical Laboratory Technology program combines both the classroom and the clinical experiences necessary for this growing field. The program is accredited by the National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences. Graduates of the program are eligible to take the national registry exam given by the American Society of Clinical Pathologists and other certifying agencies.

- General education courses, such as chemistry, English, psychology, and mathematics are taken at PSC.
- Core medical laboratory courses are taken online.
- Hands-on practicums are scheduled at clinical sites in the south suburban area.

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, the number of job openings is expected to continue to exceed the number of job seekers. Continued opportunities are expected due to our nation's aging population, the discovery of new diseases, and the development of new medical technology. A wide range of employment settings are available including hospital labs, clinical labs, forensic labs, veterinary research labs, and pharmacies.

