



Students in PSC's health profession programs have a near-perfect pass rate on certification exams.

Our Mission

Prairie State College is a richly diverse community college dedicated to student-centered instruction that fosters success in adult, transfer and workforce education.

Our Core Values

- Teaching and Learning
- Community
- Diversity
- Excellence
- Caring Concern

In 2006, PSC was one of only eight community colleges in the country to receive an American Association of Community Colleges Service Learning Grant.



In addition to career and technical programs, PSC offers more than 40 majors leading to associate's degrees in the arts, sciences, teaching and fine arts that enable a student to transfer as a junior to earn their baccalaureate degree.



Accreditation:
The Higher Learning Commission
A commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools

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Strategic Agenda

2007-2010

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“With this Strategic Agenda, Prairie State College turns our Mission into Action.”

~ Dr. Eric C. Radtke, Prairie State College president

Learning Environment

Create a learning-centered culture that promotes student growth in an atmosphere of respect, professionalism and high academic standards

- Acculturate students to high academic standards, civility in and out of the classroom, and the importance of mutual respect.
- Design learning opportunities, especially in developmental and gateway courses, that foster student engagement and retention.
- Enhance the assessment and improvement of student learning by creating a campus-wide culture of inquiry and evidence.



Recruitment & Retention

Expand recruitment and retention efforts

- Increase student enrollment, with special attention to the growing Hispanic community.
- Improve student success, retention, graduation and transition through the implementation of best practices in advising, mentoring, and teaching.

Technology

Improve the integration, consistency and effectiveness of campus technology

- Enhance technology planning by soliciting broad based input from the College community.
- Provide support for the development of technology and training for employees and students.

PSC was the first college in Illinois to guarantee that credits will transfer to other Illinois colleges and universities, an assurance that has grown through the Illinois Articulation initiative.

Functioning as an employer, purchaser of materials and supplies, investor, landowner, and builder, PSC returns over \$40 million to the community annually.

Resource Management

Ensure the effective use of human, financial, and physical resources

- Develop and implement financial strategies to address the continuing decline of state funding.
- Provide the resources that are needed to take advantage of grant opportunities in both the public and private sectors.
- Expand opportunities for faculty and staff development.

Community Alliance

Strengthen partnerships with area communities

- Assess community needs for education and training and develop programs to meet those needs.
- Promote Prairie State College through initiatives that focus on comprehensive community outreach.

Our Adult Training & Outreach Center is one of only a few buildings in the country dedicated to Adult Education and non-credit business and industry training.



Start near.
Go far.