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I.D.# _____

2010-11
SOFTWARE SPECIALIST
Certificate

This program provides students with the information and skills needed to be marketable and productive in a microcomputer environment. Career opportunities include database programmer, BASIC programmer, spreadsheet specialist, technical support coordinator, office manager, and office productivity coordinator.

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS: Prairie State has partnerships with Microsoft Academic Alliance, Comp TIA, and CIW. For further information visit the website at: **tech.prairiestate.edu**.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (31 credits)

_____	BUS 107	3 cr	Bookkeeping and Procedural Accounting (<i>BUS 131 - Fin. Acct. will be accepted in place of BUS 107</i>)
_____	BUS 127	3 cr	Business Communications (<i>Prereq. ENG 101</i>)
_____	ITAPP 101	3 cr	Introduction to Computers (<i>Prereq Placement in ENG 099 or above; ITAPP 100 or equivalent and Keyboarding recommended</i>)
_____	ITAPP 109	1 cr	Introduction to the Internet
_____	ITAPP 121	3 cr	Word Processing Applications - Level 1 (<i>Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above; ITOFS 100 or equivalent recommended</i>)
_____	ITAPP 125	2 cr	Spreadsheet Applications - Level 1 (<i>Prereq. Keyboarding recommended</i>)
_____	ITAPP 126	2 cr	Spreadsheet Applications - Level 2 (<i>Prereq. ENG 099 or above; ITAPP 125 required; with a C or better recommended</i>)
_____	ITAPP 128	2 cr	Database Applications - Level 1 (<i>Prereq. Keyboarding recommended</i>)
_____	ITAPP 129	2 cr	Database Applications - Level 2 (<i>Prereq. ENG 099 or above; ITAPP 128 required; with a C or better recommended</i>)
_____	ITAPP 130	2 cr	Software Integration and Applications (<i>Prereq. ITAPP 121, 125 & 128</i>)
_____	ITAPP 240	2 cr	Application Development in Database (<i>Prereq. ITAPP 129</i>)
_____	ITPRG 140	3 cr	Introduction to Operating Systems (<i>Prereq. Keyboarding recommended</i>)
_____	ITPRG 142	3 cr	Intro to Visual Basic Programming (<i>Prereq. ENG 099 or above; Keyboarding & ITPRG 103 with a C or better recommended</i>)

_____ Attained a minimum grade point average of 2.0 in the courses identified in this certificate program.

Current cumulative GPA: _____

_____ Completed a minimum of one-half of the credit hours required at PSC (excluding proficiency credit).

_____ Filed a **Graduation Petition Form** with the Office of Enrollment Services.

Deadline for filing: October 1 for Winter, March 1 for Spring, July 1 for Summer. (*December, May & August candidates may choose to participate in the annual May Commencement Ceremony. Deadline to apply for ceremony is March 1st*).

Credits	Credits	Credits	Credits
Required: 31	Completed: _____	In Progress: _____	Needed: _____
Advised By: _____	_____		Date: _____

SIGNATURE: Counselor or Advisor or Faculty Advisor

This is an UNOFFICIAL evaluation. Official Evaluations must be requested in the Office of Enrollment Services.

TIME LIMITS ON PREVIOUS COURSES IN THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT:

1. Due to the rapid change of technology in these fields, there is a five year time limit on applying courses with ITAPP, ITNET, ITPRG, ITOFS, ITWEB prefixes to this program.
2. Any courses with these prefixes that are over 5 years old must have approval of the department chairperson before they can be counted toward this degree. For further information, consult with the Transcript Evaluator in the Office of Enrollment Services.

PROFICIENCY TESTING/ALTERNATIVE CREDIT METHODS

Students interested in testing out of courses in this program should consult the Information Technology Department Chairperson, the Program Coordinator, or the Counseling and Advising Center for further information about the alternative credit process.

IMPORTANT PSC GRADUATION POLICIES

1. If the degree or certificate requirements are changed during your continuous attendance, you may elect to satisfy either the new requirements or the ones in force when you enrolled.
2. If you withdraw from Prairie State College for either a fall or spring semester, you must satisfy requirements in force at the time you re-enroll.
3. **Requests for COURSE SUBSTITUTIONS** in the program must be directed to the Program Coordinator. A Course Substitution Form must be signed by the Program Coordinator and submitted to the Office of Enrollment Services at least one semester prior to graduation.
4. Petitions for alteration of other graduation requirements must be submitted on a Student Appeal Form at least one semester prior to graduation.

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CAREER PLANNING/PLACEMENT INFORMATION:

Occupational Outlook Handbook, U.S. Department of Labor: <http://www.bls.gov/oco/home.htm>

Prairie Tech Website: tech.prairiestate.edu

Employment opportunities: www.collegecentral.com/prairiestate