This program prepares students to be a software technician for a small or large company. As an employee, this technician could install, upgrade, and maintain software programs and files, as well as diagnose and troubleshoot software-related problems. Career opportunities include: computer troubleshooter, software maintenance technician, and DOS/Windows Specialists.

**PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS:** Prairie State has partnerships with Microsoft Academic Alliance, Comp TIA, and CIW. For further information visit the website at: [http://prairiestate.edu/prairie_tech](http://prairiestate.edu/prairie_tech)

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS (12 credits)

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|             | 3 cr    | Electives - Select 3 credits from the courses listed below: | *
|             |         | ITNET 250 (3) Introduction to LAN Administration | *(Prereq. IT 140 with a C or better and Placement in ENG 099 or above)*         |
|             |         | ITPRG 142 (3) Visual Basic Programming I          | *(Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above; IT 140 and ITPRG 103 with a C or better recommended)* |
|             |         | ITPRG 144 (3) C++ Programming I                  | *(Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above; IT 140 and ITPRG 103 with a C or better recommended)* |
|             |         | ITPRG 147 (3) JAVA Programming I                 | *(Prereq. Placement in ENG 099 or above; IT 140 and ITPRG 103 with a C or better recommended)* |
| ELECTIVE    | 2 cr    | Select any additional IT course.                 |                                                                                |

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**Current cumulative GPA:**

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

**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.*

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**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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