The Prairie State College (PSC) dental hygiene program prepares students to provide services that assist patients in the prevention of oral diseases and maintenance of optimal oral health.

**Associate in Applied Science – Dental Hygiene**

The program combines courses in general education, basic science, dental science, and clinical science with hands-on learning experiences in the Dental Hygiene Clinic. Upon successful completion of the written Dental Hygiene National Board Examination and a regional clinical examination, the program graduate is eligible for Illinois licensure. Those students who desire part-time college enrollment may enroll only in the general education courses prior to applying for entry into the dental hygiene program.

For more information, visit prairiestate.edu/academics/academic-programs/dental-hygiene.

**Gainful Employment Disclosure**

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges with financial aid eligible programs that “prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation” to disclose certain information about these programs. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed the program, and other important information related to the program, please visit our website at prairiestate.edu/ge. We hope that this information is helpful in making informed choices about your education.
Admissions

PSC 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 high school equivalency.
• Take the 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 Information

PSC’s tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources.

How to Apply

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
   The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at fafsa.gov.

2. Notification from Department of Education
   If you listed PSC’s school code in your FAFSA, the college’s Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

3. Notification from PSC
   Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Department of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents.

4. Complete the PSC financial aid application.

5. Determination Letter
   Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:
• PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships cover tuition and fees for two years.
• The PSC Foundation awards more than $75,000 in scholarships annually.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, visit prairiestate.edu/finaid or call (708) 709-3735.