START NEAR.

GO FAR.
“If it wasn’t for PSC, I would have never achieved the skills needed to start my profession. PSC has changed my life in many ways.”

- Micella Bell
WHY CHOOSE PSC?

At Prairie State College (PSC), students have the best of both worlds: the small school advantage combined with affordable tuition. Our flexible scheduling options make it possible for anyone to fit college into their life.

- Classes are small and offer a supportive environment.
- Classes are available when you are – days, evenings, weekends, and online.
- Our dedicated faculty is highly qualified, with more than 90% of our full-time faculty members having a master’s or doctorate degree.
- PSC’s costs are significantly lower than other colleges and universities.
Earning Opportunities

How would you like to earn more than half a million dollars?

That is the value of your associate degree over a lifetime of earnings. An associate degree from a community college is one of the best investments around.

• For Illinois community college graduates, the return on investment equates to a lifetime earnings gain of more than $570,000 over a 40-year career.

• An Illinois community college education increases earnings for workers.

• On average, all students who completed their Illinois community college education in 2011 saw a gain of almost $43,587, a 30 percent increase in earnings over pre-enrollment wages.

• Community college completers working full time earned more than $35,000 in their first post-completion year.

• For PSC students who completed an associate in applied science degree or a long-term certificate, the first year earnings increase was $7,840.00.

Graduating from a community college program is a great investment - one that pays off over your entire working career.
COLLEGE NUMBERS

25.3% Increase in students’ earnings over pre-enrollment wages by taking courses at an Illinois community college

35% FULL TIME

65% PART TIME

FOUNDED IN 1957
CAMPUS LIFE

Broaden your college experience beyond the classroom by getting involved! PSC offers a variety of activities, clubs, and sports.

**Clubs:**
- All-Latin Alliance
- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Auto Club
- Black Student Union
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Political Science Club
- Student Government Association

**Activities:**
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Job Fairs
- Student Involvement Fest

And MORE...
Visit prairiestate.edu/student-life.
Athletics

The PSC athletic program offers a rewarding experience that will develop your athletic abilities while fostering a sense of pride, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. Scholarship opportunities are available. Visit prairiestate.edu/athletics.

Mens:
- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Tennis

Womens:
- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball
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- Emmanuel Lopez
PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE OFFERS ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

Transfer Degrees at PSC
The transfer degree is designed to transfer to a four-year, degree granting institution for the completion of a bachelor’s degree. Choose from a variety of subjects to fit your interests and educational goals. The transfer degrees at PSC are:

• **The Associate in Arts degree (A.A.)** includes the first two years of study for students who plan to pursue a bachelor’s degree in liberal arts.

• **The Associate in Science degree (A.S.)** covers the first two years of study for students pursuing a bachelor’s degree in engineering, mathematics, or science.

• **The Associate in Fine Arts degree (A.F.A.)** is designed to prepare students to transfer as juniors into a bachelor’s degree program (B.F.A.) in Studio Art. Students are encouraged to complete their core courses in art before enrolling in media specific courses. A portfolio review is usually required for transfer to a four-year institution.

• **The Associate of Arts in Teaching degree (A.A.T.)** is a two-year program designed for students preparing for careers in secondary education. It provides a foundation in teacher education, field-based experience, and discipline-specific content. Current A.A.T. degrees are designed to facilitate transfer for students who intend to teach in high-need disciplines.

• **General Studies**

  PSC’s Associate in General Studies degree, while not intended for transfer or directed at a specific vocational area, gives you the chance to design your own two-year program.

Career Degrees and Certificates

• **The Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.)** represents completion of a minimum of 60 credit hours in a technical or career program.

• **Certificates** are awarded after completion of up to 50 credits that focus on specific occupational or technical areas of study. The certificates are designed for those seeking training for a first career or looking to move into a different field, as well as those wanting to move up in their present positions.
The following degree programs are recommended for students who intend to complete their first two years of a B.A/B.S. degree and transfer to a four year institution.

Art (A.F.A.)
Art/Art History (A.A.)
Art Education (A.A.)
Astronomy (A.S.)
Biological Sciences (A.S.)
Business (A.A.)
Chemistry (A.S.)
pre-Clinical Laboratory Sciences (A.S.)
Computer Science (Information Systems) (A.S.)
Computer Science (Technical Emphasis) (A.S.)
Criminal Justice (A.A.)
pre-Dentistry (A.S.)
Education/Early Childhood (A.A.)
Education: Associate of Arts in Teaching: Secondary Mathematics (A.A.T.)
Education/Elementary Education (A.A.)
Education/Secondary Education (A.A.)
Engineering (A.S.)
English/Literature (A.A.)
General Math/Science (A.S.)
Geology (A.S.)
History (A.A.)
pre-Law (A.A.)
Liberal Arts (A.A.)
Mass Communication: Advertising / Public Relations (A.A.)
Mass Communication: Multi-Media (A.A.)
Mass Communication: Radio / TV / Film (A.A.)
Mathematics (A.S.)
pre-Medicine (A.S.)
Music Education (A.A.)
Music Performance (A.A.)
pre-Nursing (A.S.)
pre-Occupational Therapy (A.S.)
pre-Pharmacy (A.S.)
Physical Education (A.A.)
pre-Physical Therapy (A.S.)
Physics (A.S.)
Political Science (A.A.)
Psychology (A.A.)
Social Work (A.A.)
Sociology (A.A.)
Speech Communication (A.A.)
General Studies (not intended for transfer)
Associate in General Studies (A.G.S.)

**Career Degrees and Certificates** (*may be eligible for financial aid)

**Automotive Technology**
Automotive Technology (A.A.S.)
Automotive Alignment Specialist (Cert.)*
Automotive Brake Specialist (Cert.)*
Automotive Driveability Specialist (Cert.)*
Automotive Engines Specialist (Cert.)*
Automotive Heating/Air Conditioning Specialist (Cert.)*
Automotive Parts Specialist (Cert.)*
Automotive Services Technology (Cert.)*
Automotive Service Management Specialist (Cert.)
Automotive Transmission Specialist (Cert.)*

**Business**
Accounting and Business Management (A.A.S.)
Management (A.A.S.)
Accounting (Cert.)
Bookkeeping (Cert.)
Business Essentials (Cert.)
e-Commerce Specialist (Cert.) see also Information Technology
Entrepreneurship (Cert.)

**Computer Aided Design (CAD)**
CAD/Mechanical Design Technology (A.A.S.)
CAD Drafter (Cert.)*
CAD Technician (Cert.)
CAD/Mechanical Design Technology (Cert.)

**Computer Electronics**
Computer Electronics Technology (A.A.S.)
Computer Electronics Technician (Cert.)

**Criminal Justice**
Criminal Justice Services (A.A.S.)
Criminal Justice Services (Cert.)

**Dental Hygiene** (see Health Services)

**Early Childhood**
Child Development (A.A.S.)
Child Development Director (Cert.)
Child Development Preschool Teacher (Cert.)
Child Development Preschool Teacher Basic (Cert.)*

**Education - Paraprofessional**
Paraprofessional Educator (A.A.S.)
Paraprofessional Educator (Cert.)

**Fire Science**
Fire Science Technology (A.A.S.)
Fire Science Technology (Cert.)
Basic Firefighters Operations (Cert.)*
Advanced Firefighter (Cert.)*
Firefighter/EMT (Cert.)*

**Fitness and Exercise**
Fitness and Exercise (A.A.S.)
Group Fitness Instructor (Cert.)
Personal Trainer (Cert.)

* Note: Certificates with an asterisk (*) may not be eligible for financial aid.
Graphic Communication
Multimedia Arts (A.A.S.)
Animation (Cert.)
Digital Design (Cert.)
Web Designer (Cert.)

Health Services
Dental Hygiene (A.A.S.)
Paramedicine (A.A.S.)
Nursing (A.A.S.)
Advanced Bedside Care Provider (Cert.)
CNA/Nurse Assistant (Cert.)*
Emergency Medical Technician (Cert.)*
First Responder (Cert.)*
RN First Surgical Assistant (Cert.)*
Surgical Technology (Cert.)

Industrial Technology/Apprentice
Industrial Electrician (A.A.S.)
Industrial Mechanic (A.A.S.)
Manufacturing Technology (A.A.S.)
Tool and Die Making (A.A.S.)
CNC Programmer/Operator (Cert.)
Certified Production Technician (Cert.)
Heating, Ventilation, A/C and Refrigeration (Cert.)
Hydraulics (Cert.)
Industrial Electrician (Cert.)
Manufacturing Technology (Cert.)
Industrial Maintenance Technician (Cert.)
Industrial Mechanic (Cert.)
Machinist (Cert.)
Tool and Die Making (Cert.)
Welder Technician (Cert.)
Welding Specialist (Cert.)

Information Technology
IT: Administrative Assistant Option (A.A.S.)
IT: Networking Option (A.A.S.)
IT: Programming Option (A.A.S.)
IT: Web Option (A.A.S.)
Computer Repair Specialist (Cert.)
Desktop Publishing (Cert.)
Digital Mass Communication (Cert.)
e-Commerce Specialist (Cert.)
Game Design and Development (Cert.)
Network Security Specialist (Cert.)
Networking Specialist (Cert.)
Office Productivity Specialist (Cert.)
Office Specialist (Cert.)
Programming (Cert.)
Software Technician (Cert.)*
Software User (Cert.)
Web Developer (Cert.)
Web Technician (Cert.)
Webmaster (Cert.)

Music
Music Production (A.A.S.)
Music Technology (Cert.)

Nursing (see Health Services)

Photography
Photographic Studies (A.A.S.)
Photography (Cert.)
Portrait Photography (Cert.)

* Note: Certificates with an asterisk (*) may not be eligible for financial aid.
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Communities we serve:

1. Chicago Heights - Main Campus
2. Matteson - Matteson Area Center
3. Beecher
4. Crete
5. Monee
6. Steger
7. South Chicago Heights
8. Park Forest
9. University Park
10. Glenwood
11. Ford Heights
12. Richton Park
13. Sauk Village
14. Homewood
15. Flossmoor
16. Olympia Fields

Portions of the following are in 515 School District **

- Lynwood - South of 202nd Street
- Country Club Hills - 183rd Street South, East of Harlem Avenue
- Tinley Park - 183rd Street South, East of Harlem Avenue
- Hazel Crest - South of 183rd Street

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