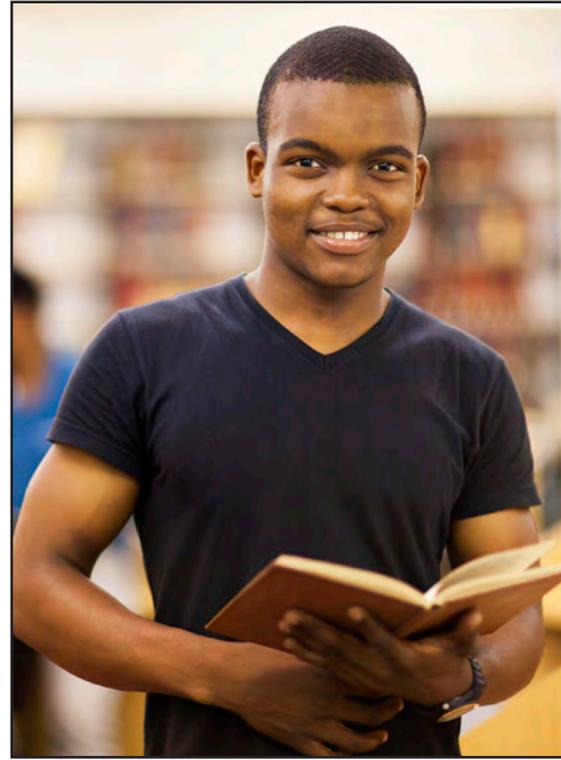


 **Prairie State College**  
**ADULT EDUCATION**  
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Depending on your educational level, Prairie State College (PSC) offers many educational services free of charge to district residents. Here is an overview of the services offered through our adult education department. More information is available at [prairiestate.edu/adulted](http://prairiestate.edu/adulted) or by calling the number under each section.

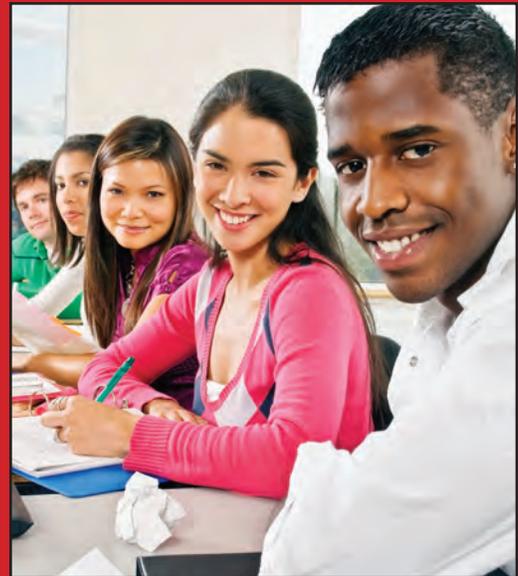
## ADULT EDUCATION OVERVIEW

Through the support of state and federal grants, PSC offers several programs that are free of charge to eligible students in need of basic education. Classes are offered days, evenings, and weekends in the Adult Training and Outreach Center (ATOC), and at other locations throughout the PSC district.



# ADULT BASIC EDUCATION (ABE)

The ABE classes offer opportunities for students to improve their basic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics. The programs are open to persons 16 years or older who are not enrolled in public school. Based on an assessment of needs and skill levels, students are placed in the proper program. For more information call (708) 709-7880 or (708) 709-7931.



## HOW TO REGISTER

### ON CAMPUS

#### **Step 1. Information**

Call (708) 709-7880 or (708) 709-7931 for more information on classes offered on campus at the Adult Training and Outreach Center (ATOC).

#### **Step 2. Orientation/Assessment/Registration**

Students attend an orientation, complete an assessment, and register for classes based on test results.

#### **Step 3. Class**

Students attend first day of class.

### OFF CAMPUS

#### **Step 1. Information**

Call (708) 709-7880 or (708) 709-7931 for more information regarding off campus locations, registration, and assessment dates.

#### **Step 2. Assessment/Registration**

Students complete an assessment at the location they want to attend and register for an ABE/GED® review class based on results.

#### **Step 3. Class**

Students attend first day of class.

# ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL)

Classes offer adult English language learners an opportunity to develop listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills in English. This five-level program is designed to help students learn English skills for work, community participation, and education. Preparation also is offered for the U.S. Citizenship test. For more information call (708) 709-7922 or (708) 709-3790.

## HOW TO REGISTER

### **Step 1. Information**

Call (708) 709-7922 or (708) 709-3790 for more information on ESL classes.

### **Step 2. Assessment/Registration**

Students complete an English assessment, register, and are placed into an ESL class.

### **Step 3. Class**

Students attend first day of class.

# CITIZENSHIP TRAINING



Citizenship training classes prepare residents to take the U.S. Citizenship Exam. Students develop their English writing and speaking skills through learning about U.S. history, government, and civics.

# ADULT LITERACY

The Adult Literacy Institute at PSC is a cooperative effort among the college, 11 local libraries, and South Suburban Will and Cook Counties. Through the institute, adults in the community who have difficulty reading are provided tutoring services. Trained volunteer tutors are matched with students for one-on-one and/or small group reading, writing, and math instruction. For more information call (708) 709-3724.

Tutoring sites are available at the Adult Training and Outreach Center (ATOC) and throughout the district.

The program is made possible by the Illinois State Library (ISL), a division of the Office of the Secretary of State, using state funds designated for literacy.

## HOW TO REGISTER

### STUDENTS WITH A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

#### **Step 1. Assessment**

Students complete an assessment test (minimum 45 minutes).

#### **Step 2. Tutor Assignment**

Students who are assessed with a reading level of 9.0 or below are assigned a tutor for a one-on-one and/or small group tutorial in reading, writing, English, and math.

### STUDENTS WITHOUT A HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

#### **Step 1. Assessment**

Students who request a tutor complete an assessment test (minimum 45 minutes).

#### **Step 2. Tutor Assignment**

Students assessed with a reading level of 9.0 or below may be referred to ABE/GED® classes or may be assigned a tutor for a one-on-one and/or small group tutorial in reading, writing, English, and math.

# BRIDGE TO MANUFACTURING CAREERS

Bridge to Manufacturing prepares students to take the GED® exam while learning entry-level skills in manufacturing. For more information, call (708) 709-7931.

# ESL BRIDGE TO HEALTHCARE CAREERS

ESL Bridge to Healthcare prepares high-intermediate to advanced learners of English to begin a successful career in the healthcare industry. It helps students choose a healthcare occupation and improve English language skills for reading, writing, and math. For more information, call (708) 709-3790 or (708) 709-3722.



# GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED®) PREPARATION

Review classes prepare students to take the high school equivalency exam and receive a GED® certificate. A GED certificate verifies attainment of high school level academic knowledge and skills.

The course reviews the four areas of study on the exam: English language arts, social studies, science, and math. Preparation and testing for the Illinois and federal

constitutions also are included in the course. Students must be at a ninth grade reading level in order to qualify. For more information call (708) 709-7880 or (708) 709-7931.

## SPANISH GED®

GED® classes offer Spanish speaking students an opportunity to complete high school studies and receive an equivalency certificate. The classes are taught in Spanish. Constitution test preparation is offered for students who must still pass the test in order to receive a GED certificate.

### HOW TO REGISTER

#### **Step 1. Information**

Call (708) 709-3790 for more information on Spanish GED® classes.

#### **Step 2. Registration/Class**

Students must attend a registration/orientation prior to starting class.

# DISTRICT INFORMATION

Prairie State College District 515 serves the communities of Beecher, Chicago Heights, Crete, Flossmoor, Ford Heights, Glenwood, Homewood, Matteson, Monee, Olympia Fields, Park Forest, Richton Park, Sauk Village, South Chicago Heights, Steger, and University Park, plus portions of Country Club Hills, Hazel Crest, Lynwood, Tinley Park, and adjacent unincorporated areas of Cook and Will counties.



According to the Stevens Amendment Act, the grant funded portion of the Adult Education and Family Literacy program at Prairie State College for Fiscal Year 2014 is 33% financed with federal funds totaling \$171,151.00.

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