

# Prairie State College



Start near.  
Go far.



[prairiestate.edu](http://prairiestate.edu)



## Flexible Scheduling

Classes are available when you are - days, evenings, weekends only, and online. We offer Late Start classes (12-week classes instead of 16).

## Dedicated Faculty

Classes are small and offer a supportive environment with highly qualified faculty who take teaching seriously.

## A Great Value

PSC's costs are lower than other colleges and universities. Spend the first two years at PSC and transfer to a four-year university in Illinois and save over 35 percent\* on the cost of a bachelor's degree.

\* The average cost of tuition and fees at Western Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Illinois State University, University of Illinois Chicago, and University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign compared to the cost of tuition and fees at PSC. Source for state universities tuition and fees: *An Admissions Guide for Counselors, 2008-2009*.

## Prairie State College (PSC)

understands starting or returning to college as an adult can be overwhelming.

**Now is the time to do something for yourself** whether your goal is to change careers, complete your college degree, or update your skills. You will fit right in at PSC – over 40 percent of our students are returning adults and our average student age is 28. Most of our returning adult students have discovered that the hardest part isn't the schoolwork, the time, or the scheduling – **it's taking the first step.**



It's **your**  
**turn** now.

# Start or Re-Start your **College** **Career** at **PSC**

Prairie State College offers associate's degrees to prepare students for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

PSC guarantees that its credits will transfer to other colleges and universities, an assurance that has grown through the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI.) The IAI is a statewide agreement that ensures all general education courses and courses in a student's major taken at community colleges will count toward a bachelor's degree at all state universities and most private colleges in Illinois.

“Prairie State was my community college. It offered me a **great opportunity** to get a college education while I continued to work and support my family. My education at **PSC laid the foundation** I needed to take my education and career farther than I ever thought possible.”

## Michael Hopkins

Michael Hopkins came to PSC because it was a path to a bachelor's degree that he could begin in his own backyard. After completing his general education courses, Michael transferred to Governors State University to earn a bachelor's and master's and then moved on to The John Marshall Law School to earn his J.D. He is now an attorney.



# Train for a Career in a Year

PSC's career programs provide real world training that expands beyond the classroom. PSC offers a wide range of degrees and certificates that can be earned in 3, 6, 12, or 24 months. Our career and technical programs are taught by professors who are recognized experts in their fields with advanced teaching credentials and professional experience.

## Jason Fosco

When Jason Fosco decided he needed training for a career, he looked no further than PSC. Jason enrolled in PSC's automotive technology program because of the program's reputation, the flexible class schedule, and location from home.

“PSC is great because I get **hands-on training** in my field from instructors with real world experience.”



## Dean Rogan II

Dean Rogan II enrolled in PSC's music production program because he wanted to pursue his passion for music. It was "a while" since he was last in school, but he quickly found the professors were there to help him.



“At PSC, the instructors are passionate, and they want you to succeed. The music production program is the only act in town with classes taught by professionals in the field who share their wealth of knowledge with the students.”

## Diana Gudowski

A mother of two, Diana Gudowski decided to enroll in PSC's Photography program because she wanted to do something for herself. She took a couple of classes a semester while she worked part-time and took care of her family.

“Prairie State College offered me the **flexibility** to earn a degree. The teachers were wonderful, and I enjoyed coming to school. PSC became my **second family**.”



## Julia Reich

Julia started taking classes at PSC on a part-time basis in 2004.

“My experience at PSC has been awesome – the professors pour everything into the program – it is not just a job for them, it’s a passion. They demonstrate that through their teaching.





## Alanda Gray

After 30 years of working in the airline industry, Alanda Gray had a choice to make when her company was sold: retire early or relocate. Deciding neither was an option, she enrolled in PSC's Networking program. After earning her certificate, Alanda has a career as a Webmaster.

“PSC was **close to home and affordable**. The college provides returning adults with an **excellent support system**. Thanks to my Prairie State education, I have a thriving career.”

# Prairie State

## Founded:

- 1958

## Student Body:

- 5,368 students enrolled in credit classes and programs
- 62% female, 38% male
- 66% part-time, 34% full-time
- 61% daytime, 39% evenings and weekends
- Average student age: 28

## Faculty:

- Full-time faculty: 83
- 95% of full-time faculty have a master's or doctorate degree
- Student-Faculty ratio: 20: 1

## Number of degrees and certificates offered:

- 75 +

## Accreditation:

- North Central Association of Colleges and Schools



# College

## at a Glance

### Financial Aid

In addition to state and federal grants, the PSC Foundation provides a wealth of scholarship opportunities. Financial aid is available to assist students in meeting the costs of a college education. If you need help paying for tuition, fees, books, and other expenses, you should apply for financial aid. Eligibility requirements vary for each type of assistance, so all students are encouraged to apply.

### Affordable Child Care

PSC's Children's Learning Center is a licensed facility that provides quality childcare for children ages 15 months to 12 years old. Full and regularly scheduled part-time care is offered to accommodate the scheduling needs of students. For more information call (708) 709-3725.

### New Directions Support Group

To help make the transition to college life easier, PSC has a support group, New Directions. This group is for adults who are returning to college or for individuals beginning college many years after high school. Monthly meetings offer encouragement and support for your academic success.

# Find Out More Today

Learn more about PSC from our advisors.

They can assist you with the enrollment process and help you choose the classes you need start your college career. Contact the Academic Services and Counseling Center at (708) 709-3506. Or, fill out the enclosed card and one of our advisors will contact you. You also can explore PSC on our Web site at [prairiestate.edu](http://prairiestate.edu).



# I want to start near, go far!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Evening phone number \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail address \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail me info about:

- Associate degrees and certificate programs  Ask an enrollment advisor to contact me  
 Non-credit classes  Financial aid

I'm thinking of doing my first two years at Prairie State, then getting a four-year degree. Possible majors are:

I'm interested in the following two-year career programs:

How did you hear about PSC?

- newspaper  high school counselor  
 PSC Web site  schedule  
 other Web site  friend/family member  
 direct mail  flyer/poster  
 college fair  radio

Year of high school graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Name of high school \_\_\_\_\_

I expect to enter Prairie State College in:

Fall 20\_\_\_\_ Spring 20\_\_\_\_ Summer 20\_\_\_\_

- I'm  a new college student  transferring from another college  
 a returning student

Prairie State College recognizes the diversity of students, faculty, staff, and community as an integral part of lifelong learning. We are committed to building and maintaining an inclusive, accessible, and supportive environment on campus. Prairie State College embraces the diversity of individual beliefs and opinions, and supports diversity in religion, gender, ethnicity, race, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, age, and socioeconomic status. The College will adhere to policies and procedures, which discourage harassment and other behaviors that infringe upon the freedom and respect every individual deserves.

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