

Reasons to Attend Prairie State College

- Fully accredited
- Credits that transfer
- Small classes
- Great career programs
- Dedicated professors
- Convenient scheduling
- Free tutoring and open computer labs

Admissions

Prairie State College 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 GED.
- Take the COMPASS 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

Prairie State College’s tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. More than 50 percent of our students receive financial aid.

The first and most important step in applying for financial aid is filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A FAFSA is required whether you receive federal or state financial aid, loans, grants, or scholarships.

Forms of financial assistance include:

- Pell Grant
- MAP Grant
- Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loans
- PLUS Loans
- Work Study
- Scholarships
- Veterans Benefits

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 to students who are not fully funded through any other source. Find out more at prairiestate.edu, go to choose a link, and click on scholarships.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562 or e-mail Alice Garcia at agarcia@prairiestate.edu.

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Fire Science Technology

The Program

Fire departments are looking for qualified individuals to devote themselves to a challenging and satisfying career as a firefighter. Entry level requirements are rigorous, but firefighters report a high degree of job satisfaction.

To be successful in this high-energy career, candidates must possess personal courage, dedication, good hand-eye coordination, and initiative. Firefighters also must remain calm in a crisis and be able to endure traumatic situations. Upon completing a fire science degree, students will be prepared for a career as a firefighter. PSC's fire science classes are approved by the Illinois Office of State Fire Marshal for state certification.

Degrees & Certificates

Fire Science Technology—Associate in Applied Science Degree

Fire Science Technology—Certificate

Firefighter II —Certificate

Firefighter III —Certificate

Firefighter/EMT —Certificate

Career Opportunities

Emergency response is one part of a firefighter's job. They also specialize in fire prevention and inspection, arson investigation, and public education. Firefighters also spend time training themselves and others. Although firefighters can find work in a variety of business and industrial settings, most work in municipal fire departments. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average annual salary ranges from \$30,000 to \$50,000.



About the Curriculum

The Fire Science program is taught by adjunct faculty, who are members of local fire departments and have earned the certificate of Instructor II.

The A.A.S degree curriculum prepares students for employment as a municipal firefighter, fire inspector, or insurance investigator. PSC has an articulation agreement with Southern Illinois University for those who want to pursue a bachelor's degree in Fire Science Management.

The Firefighter II certificate is designed to prepare students seeking employment in fire service and prepares them for the state exam.

To view the curriculum for these programs visit prairiestate.edu/worksheetmain.html



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