

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 covers 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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Automotive Technology

The Program

A career in automotive technology offers students an opportunity to learn high-tech skills using computerized diagnostic tools and engine analyzers to service vehicles. Students can earn a certificate in a specialty, use their training at Prairie State College toward two years of automotive apprenticeship, or transfer to a four-year automotive technology program.

Degrees and Certificates

- Automotive Technology—A.A.S. Degree
- Automotive Alignment Specialist—Certificate
- Automotive Brake Specialist—Certificate
- Automotive Drivability Specialist—Certificate
- Automotive Engines Specialist—Certificate
- Automotive Heating/Air-Conditioning Specialist—Certificate
- Automotive Parts Specialist—Certificate
- Automotive Services Technology—Certificate
- Automotive Service Management Specialist—Certificate
- Automotive Transmission Specialist—Certificate

For More Information

Contact Anthony Gumushian, associate professor/coordinator, automotive technology, at (708) 709-3614, or e-mail agumushian@prairiestate.edu.

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as well as growth in the industry, many job openings will be created by the need to replace retiring technicians. Job opportunities are expected to be good for those who complete postsecondary automotive training programs and who earn ASE certification. Those employed in the automotive field can expect to earn about \$20 per hour.

Employment opportunities include:

- Service Technician
- Parts Manager
- Parts Counter Staff
- Systems Specialist
- Service Manager
- Service Advisor
- Off-Road Equipment Specialist
- Marine Applications Specialist

About the Curriculum

Prairie State College's Automotive Technology Program offers students the necessary technology and skills to succeed in this exciting industry with an excellent career outlook. Candidates for the Associate in Applied Science degree may specialize in Automotive Service.

PSC's program is National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation (NATEF) / Automotive Service Excellence (ASE) certified, meeting nationally accepted standards of excellence and the latest technological advances in areas such as instruction, facilities, and equipment.

To view the curriculum for this program, visit prairiestate.edu/worksheets/index.html.

