

Information Technology

The Program

Information technology plays a critical role in all major industries as well as being a distinct industry on its own. Whether you are upgrading your skills or training for a new career, Prairie State College's (PSC) information technology program can help you learn the technical and communication skills needed to have a successful career.

Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, employment of office support personnel, network specialists, system administrators, web developers, software engineers, and computer system analysts is expected to grow. Job prospects are best for those with a college degree. The demand for these workers will result as organizations and individuals continue to adopt increasingly sophisticated technology. Job growth is being driven by the ongoing expansion of Internet technologies, computer networks, and the need for information security and is projected to remain among the fastest-growing industries in the U.S. economy.

Degrees

Administrative Assistant—A.A.S. Degree
Networking—A.A.S. Degree
Programming—A.A.S. Degree
Webmaster—A.A.S. Degree

Certificates

Computer Repair Specialist—Certificate
Desktop Publishing—Certificate
Digital Mass Communications—Certificate
e-Business—Certificate
Game Design and Development—Certificate
Network Security Specialist—Certificate
Office Assistant—Certificate
Programming—Certificate
Software Specialist—Certificate
Software Technician—Certificate
Software User—Certificate
Web Developer—Certificate
Webmaster—Certificate

Industry Certifications

PSC has partnered with Microsoft and CompTIA to deliver training that prepares students for industry certification exams. Common certifications include MCSE, A+, MOUS, NETWORK+, and CIW. For more information, visit prairiestate.edu/prairie_tech/index.html.

About the Curriculum

PSC's program prepares students for the rapidly changing world of information technology including computer networking, programming, Web design, and the office environment. With a blend of both practical and theoretical instruction, students gain experience that can be adapted to large or small company situations. Classes are conveniently scheduled to meet the diverse needs of our students.

To view the curriculum for the degrees and certificates in this program, visit prairiestate.edu/worksheetmain.html.



For More Information

Contact Jackie Dennis, professor and coordinator of ITNET/ITPRG/ITWEB Information Technology, at (708) 709-3649 or e-mail jdennis@prairiestate.edu, or Sally Haywood, professor and coordinator of ITAPP/ITOFS, Information Technology at (708) 709-3653, or e-mail skhaywood@prairiestate.edu.

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

PSC 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 Information

PSC's tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. Additional information at prairiestate.edu/finaid.

How to Apply

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The school code for PSC is 001640. Apply online at fafsa.gov.

2. Notification from Department of Education

If you listed PSC's school code in your FAFSA, the college's Financial Aid Office will receive your report in approximately 14 days.

3. Notification from PSC

Once PSC receives your FAFSA from the Dept. of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents. Students are required to complete the PSC financial aid application.

4. Determination Letter

Once all documents are completed, an award or ineligible letter is issued.

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.

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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