

CAREER COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Prairie State College is a partner in CAREER (Comprehensive Agreement Regarding the Expansion of Educational Resources) Cooperative with the community colleges listed below. If PSC does not offer a particular degree or certificate program, residents of PSC District 515 may apply for a Cooperative Agreement. Upon approval, residents can enroll at any of these colleges. If accepted into the desired program they will be charged the in-district tuition rate at these partner colleges.

Applications must be received at PSC 30 days prior to the beginning of the semester at the college the student will be attending. Developmental course work (courses below 100 level) and required prerequisites must be completed at PSC. A 2.0 grade point average must be maintained at PSC before a cooperative agreement will be approved. Individual courses are not eligible for cooperative agreements nor are programs that are generally considered to be baccalaureate oriented. In addition, repeated courses are not covered under these agreements.

Courses taken which are not part of the approved program will not be honored for the cooperative agreement. That is, the entire out-of-district tuition for such courses must be borne by the student. Students who change to programs of study outside of these existing agreements will be billed at out-of-state tuition for all course work. Community colleges often have comparable programs. Cooperative agreements are granted at the discretion of PSC and will not be granted for comparable programs.

For more information about specific programs, contact the college where the program is offered. For more information about the CAREER application process, call the Counseling and Academic Advising Center at (708) 709-3506.

COMMUNITY COLLEGES PART OF CAREER COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

- Black Hawk College
- Carl Sandburg College
- Danville Area Community College
- Elgin Community College
- Heartland Community College
- Highland Community College
- Illinois Central College
- Illinois Valley Community College
- John Wood Community College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- Kaskaskia College
- Kishwaukee College
- Lake Land College
- Lewis and Clark Community College
- Lincoln Land Community College
- McHenry County College
- Morton College
- Prairie State College
- Richland Community College
- Rock Valley College
- Sauk Valley Community College
- South Suburban College
- Spoon River College
- Waubensee Community College

TECH PREP

COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Just as Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide a way to earn college credit in subjects such as English, History, and the Sciences, Tech Prep is a national program that grants college credit in career and technical disciplines. Its purpose is to prepare any student to enter and succeed in a career as well as further his or her education beyond high school.

Depending on the courses offered at the particular high school and the articulation (dual-credit) agreements made with PSC, Tech Prep courses include (but are not limited to) the following subjects: Business, Child Development, Graphic Communications, Industrial Technology (Automotive Technology, Industrial Electronics Technology, Welding, and more), Information Technology, and Photography.

If you are a high school student, contact your school's guidance office or career administrator for more information.

High school career administrators work with the Career Preparation Network, the consortium that coordinates Tech Prep programs in PSC's District 515:

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