

 Prairie State College



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START YOUR COLLEGE CAREER AT PSC



## START Your College Career at PSC

Whether you are just out of high school or a returning adult looking to change occupations or complete your degree, PSC is a great place to start your college career.

Complete your first two years of college at PSC and transfer to a four-year college or university as a junior. Or, PSC's career and technical programs can help you learn the skills to begin a career immediately.





## WHY Choose PSC?

At PSC, students have the best of both worlds: the small school advantage combined with affordable tuition. Our flexible scheduling options make it possible for anyone to fit college into their life.

- Our classes are small and offer a supportive environment.
- Classes are available when you are - days, evenings, weekends, and online.
- Our dedicated faculty is highly qualified, with more than 90% of our full-time faculty members having a master's or doctorate degree.
- PSC's costs are significantly lower than other colleges and universities.

I loved the biology and anatomy classes and decided that dental hygiene would be a great option for me career wise. But I am keeping my options open by also having my Associate of Arts degree and the liberal arts courses.”

-Allison Trujillo (left)

Dental Hygiene program student

A.A. graduate

“At first I thought I wanted to be a communications major, which is why I decided on the A.A. degree so I would have the liberal arts background for anything I want to pursue. Then I decided that dental hygiene would be an excellent choice.

-Nicolle Trujillo (right)

Dental hygiene program student

A.A. graduate



# PROGRAMS of Study

## Transfer Degrees

The Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) degree is comparable to completing the first two years at a four-year college or university - at a fraction of the cost. PSC offers transfer degrees in the following subjects:

### A.A. Degree Offerings

- Art/Art History
- Art Education
- Business
- Communication
- Criminal Justice
- Education:  
Teacher Education
- English/Literature
- History
- Humanities
- Mass Communications
- Music
- Photography
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology/Social Work
- Spanish

### A.S. Degree Offerings

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Dentistry
- Earth Science/  
Physical Science
- Engineering
- Manufacturing  
Technology
- Mathematics
- Medicine
- Physics

This is only a portion of the programs we offer.  
Visit [prairiestate.edu/worksheets](http://prairiestate.edu/worksheets) to view the full listing.

We also offer the Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) for those pursuing a bachelor's degree in teaching and an Associate in Fine Arts (A.F.A.) degree for those pursuing a bachelor's degree in Studio Art.



# HONORS



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## Program

Students who want to enhance their college experience can take courses in the Honors Program. Honors classes offer a unique learning experience, stressing depth of coverage, discussions, and creative assignments.

Among the benefits of the Honors Program:

- A creative learning environment
- Small class sizes
- Priority class registration
- In-depth discussions
- Honors designation on transcripts

The benefits of taking Honors classes don't end once the class does. Because the Honors notation appears on transcripts, Honors classes enhance students' opportunities to transfer to four-year colleges and universities and receive scholarships. PSC Honors courses help students get the most out of their education - rewarding higher achievement with enhanced learning and transfer options.

For more information on the benefits of taking Honors courses and courses available, visit [prairiestate.edu/honors](http://prairiestate.edu/honors).

# LEARNING COMMUNITIES



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Learning Communities at PSC offer students the opportunity to combine a skills-based course with a content-based course with the same professors and students in back-to-back class periods during peak scheduling times.

Among the benefits of joining a Learning Community:

- Students get the support of two professors
- Integrated assignments provide a more efficient way to complete coursework
- Students develop a sense of community with professors and other students through their extended class time together

Ultimately, Learning Communities offer vital academic resources to help you on your path to graduation.

For more information on the benefits of joining a Learning Community, visit [prairiestate.edu/lc](http://prairiestate.edu/lc).

# TECHNICAL AND CAREER PROGRAMS



# TECHNICAL and Career Programs

Students completing a technical or career program, with no intent to transfer, will receive an Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) degree.

Technical and career programs include:

- Automotive
- Business
- Computer Aided Design (CAD)
- Computer Electronics
- Criminal Justice
- Early Childhood Education
- Education - Paraprofessional
- Fire Science
- Fitness
- Graphic Communications
- Music Production
- Personal Trainer/Fitness
- Photography
- Health Services
- Industrial Technology
- Information Technology

A full listing of all programs and certifications in our career programs is available at [prairiestate.edu/worksheets/index.html](http://prairiestate.edu/worksheets/index.html).

# CAMPUS COMMUNITY



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## Community

To help you broaden your college experience beyond the classroom, PSC offers a variety of activities, clubs, and sports.

### Activities:

- College Bowl
- Speech Team
- Literary Magazine
- Music Ensembles
- PSC *Student Review* Newspaper

### Clubs:

- All-Latin Alliance
- Anime Club
- Art Club
- Auto Club
- Black Student Union
- Campus Activities Programming Board
- Dental Hygiene
- Film Club
- Gay-Straight Alliance
- Math Club
- Nursing Club
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Photo Society
- Political Science Club
- Protégé Program
- Student Government Association
- Student Veteran Club

More information about recognized student organizations is available at <http://prairiestate.edu/studentlife/rsoc.html>.



## Athletics

Our intercollegiate athletics program offers a rewarding experience that will develop your athletic abilities while fostering a sense of pride, teamwork, and commitment to excellence. PSC also has scholarship opportunities available.

### Men's


- Baseball
- Basketball
- Cross Country
- Golf
- Soccer
- Tennis

### Women's

- Basketball
- Cheerleading
- Cross Country
- Soccer
- Softball
- Volleyball

For more information about sports at PSC, visit the Department of Physical Education and Athletics at [prairiestate.edu/ss/ss-ath.html](http://prairiestate.edu/ss/ss-ath.html).





When I first started at PSC, I didn't intend to get a degree. I just wanted to learn. But, PSC has really helped me tap into my inner self - who I really am. Everyone from the president down have treated me very kindly and made me feel like I have some self worth."

-Favian Apata  
PSC Graduate, Class of 2011

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A returning adult student, Favian Apata was first introduced to PSC as a GED student after retiring from Ameritech (now AT&T Teleholdings, Inc.). During her first semester, she became a member of the speech team, ultimately winning a national gold award in 2007 during a tournament in Houston, Texas. She also was a student trustee, a member of the Black Student Union, and member of Phi Theta Kappa.

Now a full-time student on a scholarship at Governors State University, Apata is an administrator for the Center for Multicultural Communities. She regularly coaches PSC student speech teams for competition.

# FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS



# FINANCIAL Aid

Financial aid is available to assist students in paying for college. For students who qualify, the following federal or state programs may provide financial assistance.

- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Work Study Program (FWS)
- Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant
- Pell Grant
- PLUS loans
- Stafford Loan (subsidized or unsubsidized)

## Financial Aid Priority Deadline

May 1 - fall semester

Oct. 1 - spring semester

March 1 - summer semester

The school code for PSC is 001640

For more information on available assistance, visit [prairiestate.edu/finaid/typesofaid.html](http://prairiestate.edu/finaid/typesofaid.html).

## Scholarships

The PSC Foundation typically assists those who are not eligible for federal or state aid with scholarships.

To apply for a Foundation scholarship, visit [prairiestate.edu/finaid/favascholar.html](http://prairiestate.edu/finaid/favascholar.html).



“After some of my struggles transitioning from the military to school, I really wanted to get involved with the Student Veteran Club to try to help other veterans. I want to help them have a smoother transition.”

-Alex Raske  
Student Veteran

# VETERANS

## Benefits

PSC offers a supportive environment for veterans. We want to ease the transition for veterans and help with the adjustment to college life. Many of PSC's faculty are veterans and are willing to assist veterans through their educational journey.

### Benefits for veterans include:

- One-on-one advising
- Early registration
- In-district tuition rates, regardless of where they live
- Financial aid assistance
- Veteran resource information
- Social and networking opportunities

The PSC Student Veterans Center is the central hub for our veterans program. It is a dedicated area designated for veterans, located in room 1240. It is a one-stop shop for veterans to connect and network with one another.

### Benefits include:

- Relaxing place to study
- Networking opportunities with other veterans
- Information on veteran community resources including healthcare referrals, housing, and other veteran benefits
- Workshops on topics of interest to veterans
- Assistance with the transition from boots to books

The federal and state governments have several programs available to assist veterans, spouses, and their dependents in meeting their educational objectives.

For more information on veterans benefits, visit [prairiestate.edu/finaid/veterans/benefits.html](http://prairiestate.edu/finaid/veterans/benefits.html).

GET YOUR DEGREE AT PSC



# **There are lots of reasons to get your associate degree at PSC – here are just a few.**

## **Career Opportunities**

An associate degree makes it easier to find employment. This is especially true in a tough economy where graduates are competing for the same jobs as candidates without a diploma. Having a degree is a significant advantage.

## **Financial Payoff**

An associate degree often leads to a higher paying job. There is a direct correlation between having a college degree and earning a higher salary.

## **Transferring Made Easy**

Earning an associate degree from PSC saves money, and the transition to a 4-year institution is smoother and easier.

## **New Opportunities**

An associate degree is a great way to start a new career or help with career advancement, and it can be completed in just two years.

# SPECIALIZED SERVICES



## **Disability Services**

PSC is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities, under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA).

## **Student Success Center (SSC)**

Academic support, an open computer lab, and free tutoring services are available in the SSC.

## **Childcare**

The Children Learning Center is a licensed, on-campus childcare facility offering quality full-and part-time care for children 24 months to 12 years old.

## **Bilingual Advising**

Spanish speaking families can be involved in the college enrollment process through our bilingual advising services.

## **TRiO**

The TRiO Student Support Services (SSS) program provides education services to low income, disabled, and/or first generation college students.

## **Non-Traditional Pathways Project**

This program provides information on non-traditional careers and employment possibilities available for women.

# COMMUNITIES

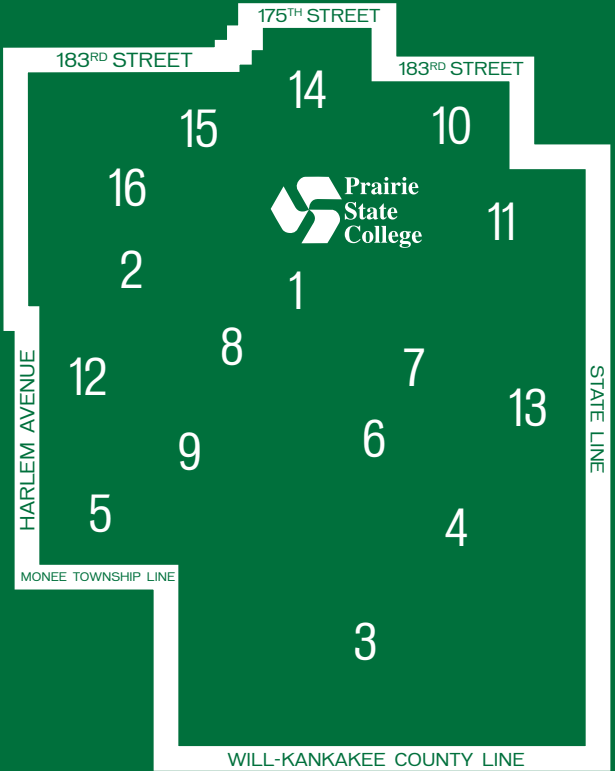
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2. Matteson
3. Beecher
4. Crete
5. Monee
6. Steger
7. South Chicago Heights
8. Park Forest
9. University Park
10. Glenwood
11. Ford Heights
12. Richton Park
13. Sauk Village
14. Homewood
15. Flossmoor
16. Olympia Fields

Portions of the following are in 515 School District\*\*

- Lynwood-South of 202nd Street
- Country Club Hills - 183rd Street South, East of Harlem Avenue
- Tinley Park - 183rd Street South, East of Harlem
- Hazel Crest- South of 183rd Street

30  
miles south of  
DOWNTOWN  
CHICAGO



\*\*Students may be asked to provide a voters registration card or property tax bill to verify community college districts.\*\*

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Or, call the college at (708) 709-3500.

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