

CHILD & FAMILY STUDIES/ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



Prairie State College's (PSC) Child and Family Studies and Early Childhood Education programs offer two choices for students interested in working with young children.

Early Childhood Education – A.A. Transfer Degree

Students learn how to teach preschool through third grade. Complete the first two years at PSC and transfer to a four-year college or university for a bachelor's degree to become a certified teacher.

Child and Family Studies – A.A.S. Degree

Prepares students for jobs in child care centers, preschools, and family child care homes.

Certificates:

Child Care Teacher, Early Childhood Education Center Director, and Early Childhood Teacher Basic

For more information,

visit prairiestate.edu/academics/academic-programs.

PSC is an Illinois Gateways to Opportunity institution. Completion of requirements for the A.A.S. degree can lead to an Illinois Early Childhood Teacher Credential 2,3, or 4. Students may pursue an Illinois Infant-Toddler Teacher Credential I or an Illinois Director Credential I.

Gainful Employment Disclosure

The U.S. Department of Education requires colleges with financial aid eligible programs that “prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation” to disclose certain information about these programs. For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who have completed the program, and other important information related to the program, please visit our website at prairiestate.edu/ge. We hope that this information is helpful in making informed choices about your education.

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 placement test or submit a copy of ACT scores.
- Meet with an advisor from the Counseling and Academic Advising Center 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.

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 Department of Education, a letter is mailed to the student indicating needed documents.

4. Complete the PSC financial aid application.

5. 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, visit prairiestate.edu/finaid, call (708) 709-3562, or email financial-aid@prairiestate.edu.

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