



## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, job opportunities for registered nurses are expected to be excellent. Employment of RNs is expected to grow faster than the average for all occupations through 2020. Employers in some parts of the country and in certain employment settings report difficulty in attracting and retaining an adequate number of RNs, primarily because of an aging RN workforce and a lack of younger workers to fill positions.

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## 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](http://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](http://prairiestate.edu/finaid), call (708) 709-3735, or email [financial-aid@prairiestate.edu](mailto:financial-aid@prairiestate.edu).

### Gainful Employment Disclosure

Visit [prairiestate.edu/ge](http://prairiestate.edu/ge) for important information about our gainful employment programs.

## Accreditation

Accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

# NURSING







## NURSING AT PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

The Prairie State College Nursing Program is a rigorous academic and professional training program that prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). As a graduate of the program, students can work in a variety of healthcare settings and provide patient care through well-defined nursing practices.

## DEGREES AND CERTIFICATE

**ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE  
(A.A.S.)**  
Nursing

**CERTIFICATE**  
CNA/Nurse Assistant

## Nursing

### A.A.S. Degree

This program combines courses in general and nursing education with selected learning experiences in hospitals and health agencies. Students will be required to perform at a predetermined satisfactory level on a nationally normed comprehensive exit exam at the conclusion of the program.

### I. General Education Core 22 credits

<b>Area A: Communication</b>		<b>9</b>
ENG 101	Composition I – with a grade of C or better	3
COMM 101	Principles of Communication	3

### Area B: Humanities and Fine Arts 3

Select one course from Area B

**Area C: Mathematics** (demonstrated competence required)  
Placement into MATH 095 or completion of MATH 090 – with a grade of C or better

### Area D: Physical and Life Sciences 4

BIOL 221	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
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### Area E: Social and Behavioral Sciences 6

PSYCH 102	Human Growth & Development: Life-Span	3
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### II. Area of Concentration/Program Requirements 48 credits

BIOL 211	Microbiology	4
BIOL 222	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
NURS 101	Basic Care Needs	7
NURS 102	Acute Care Needs	8
NURS 111	Nursing as a Profession	1
NURS 201	Family Care Needs	11
NURS 202	Advanced Care Needs	11
NURS 211	Preparation for Professional Nursing	2

### Program Total 64 credits

## CNA/Nurse Assistant

### Certificate

The Nursing Assistant Training Program has been designed to provide students with the theory and skills necessary to give basic patient care in a nursing home or hospital. Successful completion of this program qualifies the student for the Illinois Basic Nursing Assistant Certificate and to take the state approved Competency Examination.

### Program Requirements 7

NURS 100	Nurse Assistant Training*	7
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### Program Total 7 credits

\*Along with regular lectures, students will have clinicals in some local facilities, such as long-term care facilities, where they will perform basic nursing care under the guidance of a registered nurse.

## 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, call an academic advisor at (708) 709-3506.

### Please Note:

The Nursing Program at PSC has special admission requirements. Contact Enrollment Services to obtain a copy of the Nursing Information Booklet or download a copy from [nursing.prairiestate.edu/appbookletwcvr.pdf](http://nursing.prairiestate.edu/appbookletwcvr.pdf). The program begins in the fall semester only.

Prior to admission to the Nursing Program, students must complete NURS 100 Nurse Assistant Training (7 credits) with a grade of C or better, or demonstrate current status on the Illinois Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA) Registry. Credit earned for NURS 100 is not included in the 64 credit hours required for the Nursing A.A.S. degree.

Students also must complete BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credit hours) with a grade of C or better prior to admission to the Nursing Program. Credit earned for BIOL 221 is included in the 64 credit hours required. Students are encouraged to complete as many general education courses as possible before enrolling in the nursing core courses.

### Transfer Degree Option

PSC offers an Associate in Science transfer degree option for students wishing to transfer to a four-year college or university for a general Bachelor of Science in nursing degree. PSC has articulation agreements with senior institutions including Saint Xavier University, Olivet Nazarene University, Purdue University, and Governors State University.

### LPN Bridge Program

PSC has developed a special track to allow qualified Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN) to move through the A.A.S. Nursing Program and take the NCLEX-RN exam in less time. The LPN Bridge Track is specially designed for students who have been actively working as LPNs. All general education courses necessary to complete the A.A.S. degree must be close to completion before students enroll in the core curriculum. Students will demonstrate proficiency through examination.

