

Nursing

The Program

The Prairie State College (PSC) 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 Certificates

Nursing—A.A.S. Degree

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 much faster than the average for all occupations through 2016. 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.

For More Information

Contact Marie Hansel, dean, health professions and industrial technology, director of nursing, at (708) 709-3648 or mhansel@prairiestate.edu.

About the Curriculum

The PSC Nursing program combines courses in general and nursing education with selected learning experiences in hospitals and health agencies. Graduates of PSC's program may apply to take the NCLEX-RN examination for licensure as a registered nurse. Students are encouraged to complete as many general education courses as possible before entering the program.

This program has special admission requirements. Contact the Enrollment Services Office to obtain a copy of the Nursing Information Booklet or download a copy from nursing.prairiestate.edu/appbookletwcvr.pdf. Prior to admission, students complete NURS 100 with a grade of C or better or demonstrate current status on the Illinois Certified Nurse Assistant Registry. Credits earned for NURS 100 are not included in the 68 credit hours required for the Nursing A.A.S. degree.

To view the curriculum for this program, visit prairiestate.edu/worksheetmain.html

Transfer Degree Option

PSC offers an A.S. transfer degree option for students wishing to transfer to a four-year college or university for a general B.S. in nursing degree. PSC has articulation agreements with senior institutions including Saint Xavier, Olivet Nazarene, 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 examination 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.



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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