



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.

Please note: This program has special admissions requirements. Contact Enrollment Services to obtain a copy of the Surgical Technology Information and Application Procedures Booklet or download a copy at prairiestate.edu.

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 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, contact the PSC Financial Aid Office at (708) 709-3735 or visit prairiestate.edu/apply-reg-pay/financial-aid.

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.

Accreditation Information

Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)

1361 Park Street, Clearwater, FL 33756
(727) 210-2350 • www.caahep.org

Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARCSTSA)

6 Dry Creek Circle, Littleton, CO, 80120
(303) 694-9262 • www.artstsa.org

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PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY





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AT PRAIRIE STATE COLLEGE

The Prairie State College (PSC) Surgical Technology program prepares students to work as surgical technologists in a variety of surgical settings, and is based on a curriculum recommended by the Association of Surgical Technologists. Surgical technologists assist in invasive surgical procedures and facilitate safe and effective patient care. They shoulder major responsibility in ensuring that operating rooms are safe and that equipment functions properly. In response to the needs of local hospitals, PSC launched its surgical technology program in 2000, one of only five such programs in the Chicago area.

DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATE

Surgical Technology

Surgical Technology

Certificate

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This program prepares students to work as surgical technologists in the operating room, labor and delivery, ambulatory surgical care centers, cardiac catheterization laboratories, physician's offices, or central supply units. Surgical technologists work under medical supervision to facilitate safe and effective performance of invasive surgical procedures aimed at optimizing patient safety.

Program Requirements

45 Credits

(All courses must be completed with a C grade or better)

BIOL 115	Microbiology for Surgical Technology	4
HLTH 102	Workplace Issues for Allied Health	1
SRT 100	Medical Terminology	2
SRT 102	Patient Care I	2
SRT 103	Patient Care II	1
SRT 110	Introduction to Surgical Technology	7
SRT 120	Surgical Procedures I	5
SRT 122	Applied Surgical Procedures I	1
SRT 130	Surgical Procedures II	6
SRT 132	Applied Surgical Procedures II	2
SRT 140	Surgical Procedures III	6
SRT 142	Applied Surgical Procedures III	2
SRT 298	Surgical Technology Seminar	4
SRT 299	Applied Surgical Procedures IV	2

Students must complete NBSTSA exam

Program Total

45 credits



ABOUT THE CURRICULUM

The program begins in the fall, and takes one year to complete. It is a 40-hour per week daytime program, which includes both classes and clinical labs. Clinicals are held in hospital operating rooms where students will work hands on with a preceptor. Students are responsible for their own transportation to hospital sites within a 45-mile radius.

The program meets national standards for surgical technology and has been approved by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Graduates may sit for the surgical technologist national certificate exam administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections program, surgical technologists jobs are projected to grow 30 percent from 2012 to 2022, much faster than the average for all occupations. Hospitals will continue to be the primary employer of surgical technologists as they try to reduce costs by replacing nurses in the operating room. The median annual wage for surgical technologists is \$34,750.