

## 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

Prairie State College 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

Prairie State College’s tuition is affordable, and financial aid is available through a variety of sources. More than 50 percent of our students receive financial aid.

The first and most important step in applying for financial aid is filing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A FAFSA is required whether you receive federal or state financial aid, loans, grants, or scholarships.

### Forms of financial assistance include:

- Pell Grant
- MAP Grant
- Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loans
- PLUS Loans
- Work Study
- Scholarships
- Veterans Benefits

### PSC Financial Aid Opportunities:

- PSC Board of Trustees Scholarships covers tuition and fees for two years.
- The PSC Foundation awards more than \$75,000 in scholarships annually to students who are not fully funded through any other source. Find out more at [prairiestate.edu](http://prairiestate.edu), go to choose a link, and click on scholarships.

For more information about how to obtain financial aid, call (708) 709-3562 or e-mail Alice Garcia at [agarcia@prairiestate.edu](mailto:agarcia@prairiestate.edu).

# Nursing



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## 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 Gwen Dean, dean of health professions and director of nursing, at (708) 709-3766, or e-mail [gdean@prairiestate.edu](mailto:gdean@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](http://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](http://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.

