

## 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).

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## The Course

As surgical care evolves, so does the role of the registered nurse who assists with patient care in the operating room. Prairie State College's (PSC) Post-graduate Perioperative Nursing course prepares the currently practicing registered nurse to work in the operating room in both a scrub and circulating role.

Perioperative nurses are registered nurses who work in hospital surgical departments, day-surgery units, clinics, and physician's offices. They work closely with the surgical patient, family members, and other healthcare professionals to help plan, implement, and evaluate treatment.

## Degrees & Certificates

- Perioperative Nursing—Five hours of course credit and certificate upon completion
- Non-credit option is also available

## Career Opportunities

According to the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics, overall job opportunities for registered nurses are excellent. A career in perioperative nursing offers the opportunity to acquire professional, technical, and practical problem-solving skills. With additional education and experience, perioperative nurses can function as operating room directors, manage budgets, staffing, and other business aspects of the operating room.

## About the Curriculum

The course combines didactic, lab, and hands-on clinical experience in area hospitals. Among the topics covered are instrumentation, documentation, legal responsibilities, and management of general and gynecological cases. Students learn in a state-of-the-art surgical lab enabling them to practice under the direct supervision of experienced faculty members who have many years of hands-on surgical experience. The course runs 16-weeks to ensure the student develops strong entry-level skills in this specialty area. The course is held during the late afternoon and evening to accommodate the working professional. Upon successful completion, the student will earn five hours of college credit and receive a certificate.



## For More Information

Contact Sue Bugajsky, B.S., PA, RN, coordinator of surgical and perioperative nursing, at (708) 709-3780, or e-mail [sbugajsky@prairiestate.edu](mailto:sbugajsky@prairiestate.edu).