college your way

CAREER VIEWBOOK 2021

PARKLAND COLLEGE
Your Dream Still Has Wings.

It’s not too late for takeoff. Did you know that more than 40 percent of new college students are adults over 25*? In fact, Parkland College students range in age from 15 to 85. Like them, you can have college your way and realize a long-held dream to:

- earn a high wage
- switch careers
- advance your job skills
- be a college graduate

Parkland can help you, with the career assessments, training, and supportive resources you’ll find within these pages. We’ll not only help but will celebrate your success along the way.

So, the next time you think about what a ‘traditional’ college student looks like, think different. And the next time you think about improving your life, don’t wait. Make it happen today with Parkland College.


“I feel you’re never too old to learn something new.”

BILL TAYLOR, 72, PARKLAND GRADUATE, GENERAL STUDIES
The Flightpath: Convenient College, Short-Term Training

Even if you work during the day, care for kids or aging parents, or serve in the military, you can complete college. Many of our students do. That’s why Parkland has designed classes and programs that busy adults fit into their lives. Some take place on weekends, others, after hours. Others let you stay at home and complete them, right from your computer or laptop. It’s college, your way. It’s time to soar.

Optional Modes of Instruction at Parkland College*

Most classes are in-person; class sections taught in optional modes have one of the following letters at the end. (E.g., while BIO 121-010 is held only on campus, BIO 121-012H is the same class taught in a hybrid format. ENG 101-251W takes place online only.)

- **ONLINE (W):** You’ll complete this class totally online, choosing whatever time of day you want to work on the course work. You’ll interact with faculty and classmates through online office hours, chats, discussion posts, and email.
- **ONLINE SYNCHRONOUS (V):** You’ll complete this class totally online but with synchronous, scheduled, real-time online lectures and interactions with faculty that you’ll be expected to attend.
- **HYBRID (H):** You’ll be expected to attend some meeting times on campus, and you’ll have some work to do online.
- **FLEXIBLE (F):** You choose whether to come to campus, stay at home and watch a live stream, or watch the recorded class before the next class session.

*You will need a computer or laptop, webcam or headset with microphone, and reliable Wi-Fi. Parkland can help here, too. For more on technology requirements for our classes, visit parkland.edu/VirtualCampus.
Short-Term Training Programs

Did you know you could train for a career in one to three semesters (4 to 16 months), with clear job outcomes? Make college work for you with one of our short-term career training programs. For a complete list of career and academic programs at Parkland College, please visit parkland.edu/Programs.

One Semester
- Advanced Forklift
- CompTIA A+
- Google IT Support Professional
- Highway Construction Careers Training
- Medical Billing and Coding
- Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Office Assistant
- Sterile Processing Technician
- Truck Driver Training (CDL)

Two or Three Semesters
- Dialysis Technician
- Home Health Aide with Medical Terminology
- Industrial Welding
- Medical Assistant
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Practical Nursing (LPN)
The Runway:
College-Prep and Self-Discovery Tools

Not yet up-to-speed to take a college class? No high school diploma? Not sure which career path to take? Nervous about coming back to school? Our college-preparatory programs and self-discovery tools can help you taxi to the college runway in no time!

**College-Prep Programs**
Parkland College offers English as a Second Language classes, Project READ literacy tutoring, GED support, College Prep for Career classes, and other options to prepare you for college-level learning.

*Adult Education*
parkland.edu/AdultEducation • 217/351-2580 • Room E108 • adulteducation@parkland.edu

*Adult and Returning Student Services*
parkland.edu/AdultServices • Room U214 • ahooker@parkland.edu

**Self-Discovery Tools**
We see it all the time: 50+-year-olds flipping the “career life cycle” on its head and becoming what they’ve always wanted to be when they “grew up.” Parkland College can help you discover your second (or third) act, too. See us for:

*Career Assessments*
parkland.edu/CareerServices • 217/351-2219 • Room U267 • careerservices@parkland.edu

*Remote Career Support:*
parkland.edu/RemoteCareerSupport • 217/351-2219 • bhightower@parkland.edu

“When life happens. As long as you keep going to school, you will succeed.”

CLINIQUE CARMON, LPN, CARLE FOUNDATION HOSPITAL
Stackable Certificates

Many Parkland students earn stackable certificates that build toward a full associate’s degree. They use them to enhance their current career skill sets in a shorter timeframe and work at their own pace to earn the degree or professional certification. Here are some that might interest you:

**Accounting AAS**
- Accounting Certificate

**Agriculture AAS**
- Agri-Business Certificate
- Geographic Information Systems

**Automotive Technology AAS**
- Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair Certificate
- Automotive Technician Certificate

**Business Administrative Technology AAS**
- Computer in Business Certificate
- Office Assistant Certificate
- Office Specialist Certificate
- Application Specialist Certificate
- Bookkeeping Office Assistant Certificate
- Customer Service Certificate

**Business Management AAS**
- Entrepreneur Basics Certificate
- Entrepreneurship Certificate

**Carpenters Concentration AAS**
- Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)
- SWFT General Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program

**Computer Science/Computer Information Systems AS**
- Computer Information Systems Concentration
- Computer Science Concentration (Technical Emphasis)

**Construction Management AAS**
- *Basic Construction Skills Certificate*  
  - Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)
  - OSHA 10-Hour Construction Course
  - SWFT General Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program

**HVAC Installation Technician Certificate**
- Electrical Maintenance for Building & Equipment
- Advanced HVAC Series: Air Conditioning, PTAC and Mini-Splits, Gas Furnace and Electric Furnace

**HVAC Service Technician I Certificate**
- Electrical Maintenance for Building & Equipment
- Advanced HVAC Series: Air Conditioning, PTAC and Mini-Splits, Gas Furnace and Electric Furnace

**Construction Trade Technology AAS**
- *Carpenters Concentration Certificate*  
  - Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)
  - SWFT General Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program

**Electrical Inside Wireman Concentration Certificate**
- Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)

**Ironworkers Concentration Certificate**
- Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)

**Plumbers And Pipefitters Concentration Certificate**
- Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)

**Data Systems and Development AAS**
- *Database Foundation Certificate*  
  - General Programming Certificate
  - Web Development Certificate
  - Mobile Development Certificate

**Digital Media AAS**
- 3D Computer Animation Software Certificate

**Emergency Medical Services: Paramedic/Firefighter AAS**
- Emergency Medical Services: Emergency Medical Technician Certificate
- Emergency Medical Services: Paramedic Certificate
- Fire Service Technology: Basic Operations Firefighter I Certificate
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) AAS
- Electrical Maintenance for Building & Equipment
- Advanced HVAC Series: Air Conditioning, PTAC and Mini-Splits, Gas Furnace and Electric Furnace

Industrial Technology (Manufacturing) AAS
- Computer-Aided Drafting Certificate
- Mechanical Design Certificate
- Structural and Civil Certificate
- Electronic Controls Certificate
- Electronic Power Certificate
- Industrial Maintenance Technology Certificate
- Industrial Machining Certificate
- Industrial Welding Certificate
- Machinery Maintenance Certificate

Land Surveying AAS
- Land Surveying Certificate
- Land Surveying Technician Certificate

Landscape/Horticulture:
- Landscape and Urban Horticulture Certificate

Massage Therapy AAS:
- Massage Therapy Certificate
- Massage Therapy: Fast Track Certificate

Networking Administration and Support AAS:
- Computer Foundations Certificate
- Google IT Support Professional Certificate
- Linux Administration Certificate
- Cisco Networking Certificate
- Microsoft Administration Certificate

Nursing: LPN Advanced Placement AAS
- Nurse Assistant Certificate
- Practical Nursing Certificate

Precision Agriculture AAS
- Precision Agriculture Certificate
- Aviation: Unmanned Aircraft Systems, Certificate

Surgical Technology AAS
- Sterile Processing Technician Certificate

Theater Arts AAS
- Theater Arts: Entertainment Technology Certificate

Tractor Trailer Driving Training (CDL)
- Basic Forklift
- Advanced Forklift

For a complete list of career certificates from Parkland College, please visit parkland.edu/Programs.

Computer Technology Center
No matter your age, ability, or needs, you’ll find convenient computer software classes at Parkland’s Computer Technology Center (Room B116). These self-directed, open-entry/open-exit format classes range from one-credit-hour courses in computer basics to nationally certified Microsoft Office software training. Learn more at parkland.edu/CTC, or call 217/353-2165.

Online Degrees at Parkland
Did you know Parkland College offers degrees that you can earn all online? Stay at home while you study for your degree or certificate! Learn more about the following credentials at parkland.edu/VirtualCampus.

- Associate in Arts
- Associate in Science
- Associate in Applied Science, Accounting
- Associate in Applied Science, Business
- Associate in General Studies
- General Education Certificate (GEC)
In-Flight Service: Supportive Resources

You may experience some ‘turbulence’ in reaching your college goals, like securing childcare, a computer, or books; getting stuck in your course work; paying for new classes; or maintaining the courage to keep going. Parkland College has these and many other resources to help you smooth out the bumps once you’re in class. Learn more about these in-person and virtual resources at parkland.edu/CareerResources and parkland.edu/VirtualCampus.

In-Person and Virtual Assistance

- Academic success coaching
- Child Development Center *(Parkland students receive discounts for childcare services)*
- Emotional counseling
- Learning resources
- Loanable technology
- Library
- Technology support
- TRiO
- Tutoring
- Veterans support
- Writing lab
Tuition

**Career Agreement for Out-of-District Students**
If your community college doesn’t offer the program you want to study, you may be able to take it at Parkland at in-district tuition rates. More information can be found at parkland.edu/CareerAgreement.

**Tuition Assistance**
Can’t afford career training? You may be eligible for scholarships and grants you don’t have to pay back; Parkland’s Financial Aid and Veterans Services office can assist you with applying for federal, state, and Parkland-based tuition help. Visit parkland.edu/FinancialAid or call 217/351-2222. You can also ask them to be connected with the following tuition funding sources, to see if you qualify for assistance:

- CARES Grant
- Perkins Grant
- Support for Workforce Training (SWFT) Program
- TRiO Program
- Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (Illinois WorkNet Center, 217/531-8282)

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**annual tuition comparison**

*Example: A four credit-hour course.*

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*Averages based on AY 2021 tuition cost data available at CollegeIllinois.org.*
Book the Journey: Contact Us

Don’t let your dreams stay grounded. Call or email Parkland College today, or visit us online. We’ll help you start college your way and rise toward a brighter future.