



college your way

CAREER VIEWBOOK **2021**



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.

*Nadworny, Elissa. (December 23, 2018). "In 'Never Too Late,' Finally, A Guide for Adults Going to College." Illinois Public Media. <https://www.npr.org/2018/12/23/678799694/in-never-too-late-finally-a-guide-for-adults-going-to-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 • adulthoodeducation@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

“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

Computers 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

Building Construction and Repair Certificate

- Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)
- OSHA 10-Hour Construction Course
- SWFT General Construction Pre-Apprenticeship Program

Carpenters Concentration Certificate

- Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)

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

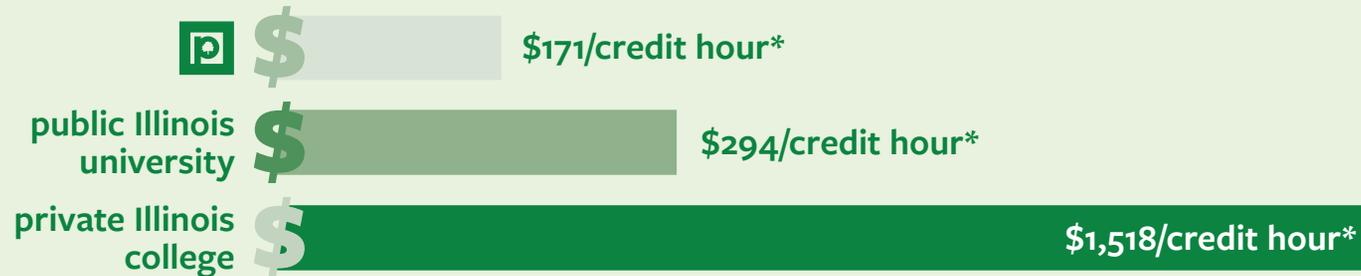
- Academic success coaching
- Child Development Center
(*Parkland students receive discounts for childcare services*)
- Emotional counseling
- Learning resources
- Loanable technology
- Library
- Technology support
- TRiO
- Tutoring
- Veterans support
- Writing lab



Tuition

annual tuition comparison

Example: A four credit-hour course.



Under this model, a four credit-hour class would cost **\$684** at Parkland, **\$1,176** at a public Illinois university, and **\$6,072** at a private Illinois college.

*Averages based on AY 2021 tuition cost data available at Collegellinois.org.

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)

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.



parkland.edu/admissions



Parkland College ensures equal educational opportunities to all students regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, gender expression, disability, sexual orientation, veteran/Vietnam veteran era, age, or religion, and is Section 504/ADA compliant. For additional information or accommodations, call 217/351-2551.