registration guide
summer and fall 2024

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Our Financial Guide provides important information you will need as you register for Parkland College credit courses, including dates, and deadlines, tuition and fee information, and how to pay for classes. For more information about tuition and aid, please visit parkland.edu/tuition.

Dates and Deadlines

Summer semester 2024

*Instruction begins May 13, June 3, and July 1 and ends no later than July 25. Final exams will be held during the last class meeting.*

- March 18: Registration for continuing students
- March 25: Open registration begins
- July 12: Deadline to petition for summer graduation

For classes that begin the week of May 13

- April 22: Tuition deadline
- May 12: Last day to register
- May 19: Last day to drop with no refund and 100% refund

For classes that begin the week of June 3

- May 13: Tuition deadline
- June 2: Last day to register
- June 9: Last day to drop with no refund and 100% refund

For classes that begin the week of July 1

- June 10: Tuition deadline
- June 30: Last day to register
- July 7: Last day to drop with no refund and 100% refund

Campus holidays and closures

- May 27: Memorial Day (college closed)
- July 4: Independence Day observed (college closed)
- June 7 – July 26: College offices closed on Fridays

*The deadline to withdraw from summer courses is the last business day that Parkland College is open, prior to the last week of class. Parkland College is closed on Fridays, June 7 – July 28, therefore, please note that some withdrawal deadlines may be on a Thursday.*

Important financial deadlines

- May 8: First day bookstore vouchers are issued
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Computer Technology Center

The CTC offers flexible, open registration anytime during the semester.

The courses offered are Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, and Outlook.

Other courses are Keyboarding, Computer Basics, Windows, Google and more!

These are online courses, and it also offers use of the CTC Lab on campus where you can get one-on-one help.

For CTC hours, semester course schedule, and other information, visit parkland.edu/ctc, call 217.353.2165 OR email Leann McPike, Director of the CTC, lmpike@parkland.edu

She can register you for any of these courses.

Fitness Center

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Dates and Deadlines

Fall semester 2024
March 25 .................................................. Registration for continuing students
April 1 .................................................. Open registration begins
November 1 ............................................ Deadline to petition for fall graduation
November 27 .......................................... Last day to withdraw with a W
(except for first 8-week classes; deadline for those classes is October 4)
December 9-13 ....................................... Final exams

For classes that begin the week of August 19
July 29 .................................................. Tuition deadline
August 18 ............................................. Last day to register
August 25 ............................................. Last day to drop with no record and 100% refund

For classes that begin the week of September 9
August 19 ............................................. Tuition deadline
September 8 .......................................... Last day to register
September 15 ....................................... Last day to drop with no record and 100% refund

For classes that begin the week of October 14
September 23 ........................................ Tuition deadline
October 13 ............................................ Last day to register
October 20 ............................................ Last day to drop with no record and 100% refund

Campus holidays and closures
September 2 ........................................... Labor Day (college closed)
November 27-December 1 ........................ Thanksgiving recess (begins at 5pm November 27; college closed)
December 23-January 1 .......................... Winter break (college closed)

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Final Examination Schedule
December 9-13, 2024

DAY CLASSES

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