college your way

CAREER VIEWBOOK

PARKLAND COLLEGE

Your Dream Still Has Wings.

It's not too late for takeoff. Did you know that more than 11 percent of new college students are adults over 25*? Parkland College students range in age from 17 to 71. 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

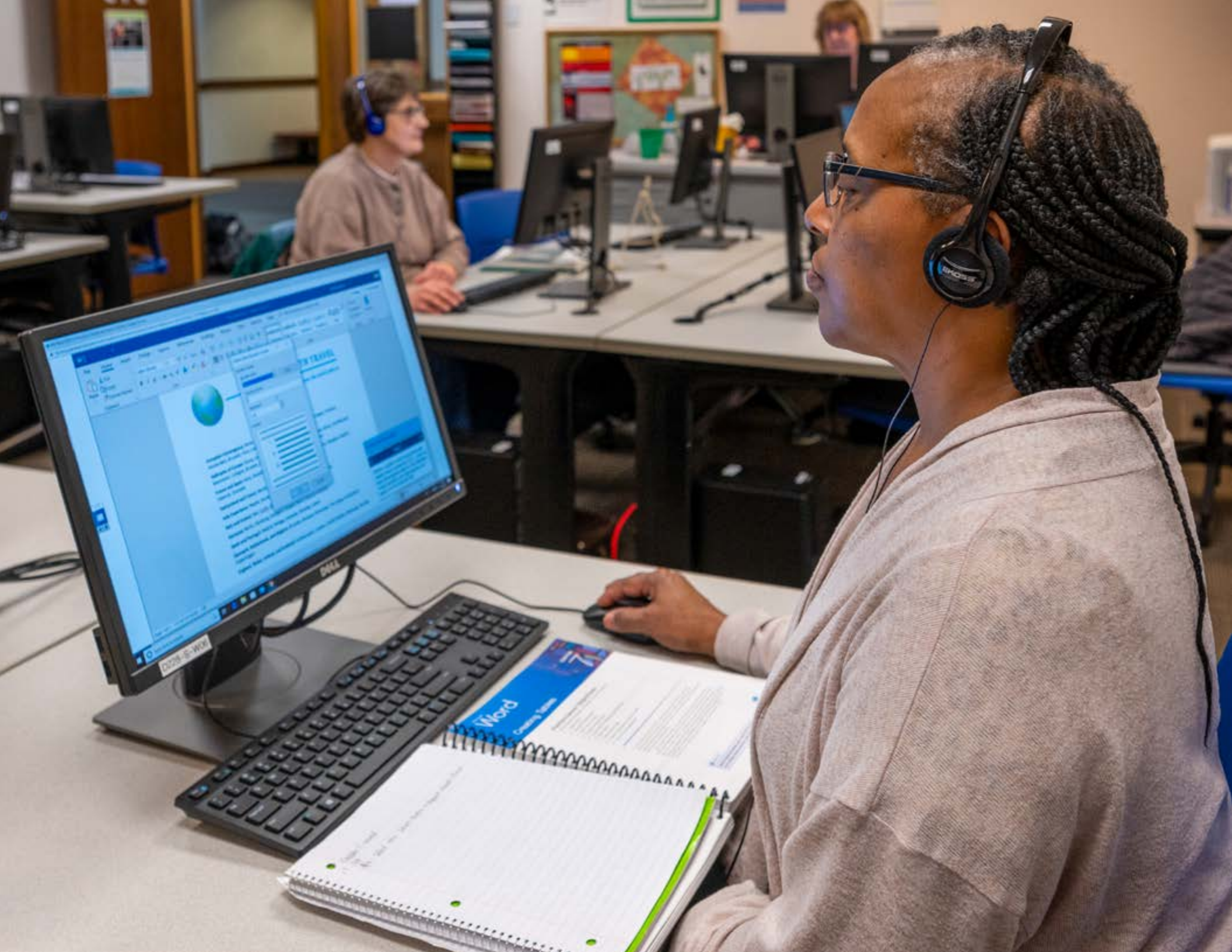
Parkland can help you with the career assessments, training, and supportive resources you'll find within these pages. We'll not only support but also celebrate your success along the way.

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

*Annual Enrollment Data (A1)-FY2023
parkland.edu/iar

"I decided it was my time to succeed in my education, to take it to the next level. I have always wanted to be a nurse. I chose the LPN program at Parkland College because it fits my busy life and is a reachable goal."

DIANA GUTIERREZ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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 can fit into their lives. Some take place on the weekends, others after hours. Others let you stay home and complete them from your computer or laptop. It's college, your way. It's your time to soar.

Optional Modes of Instruction at Parkland College*

Many classes are in-person; class sections taught in optional modes have one of the following letters at the end. (E.g., while ENG 102-051W is taught online only, ENG 102-014H is the same class taught in a hybrid format. ENG 098-001 is held only on campus.)

- **ONLINE (W, V):** Classes may be scheduled (V), in which students meet online at a designated time or unscheduled (W) with students working on the materials at a time of their choosing. You'll interact with faculty and classmates through online office hours, chats, discussion posts, and email.
- **HYBRID (H):** You'll be expected to attend some meeting times on campus and complete most of the work online.
- **FLEXIBLE (F):** You choose whether to come to campus, stay home, watch a live stream, or watch the recorded class before the next class session. Faculty may require in-person attendance at certain times.

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

- Accelerated Medical Assisting (CNA to CMA Bridge)
- Dialysis Technician
- Home Health Aide with Medical Terminology
- Industrial Welding
- Medical Assistant
- Certified Pharmacy Technician
- Phlebotomy Technician
- Practical Nursing (LPN)

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 Technologies AAS:
Accounting Certificate

Agricultural Business:
Precision Agricultural Technology AAS*
Precision Agricultural Technology Certificate*
Precision Agricultural Fundamentals Certificate*
Aviation: Unmanned Aircraft Systems Certificate**
Aviation: Advanced Unmanned Aircraft Systems Certificate

**These certificates stack into Precision Agricultural Technology AAS.*
***This certificate partially stacks into Precision Agricultural Technology AAS.*

Agricultural Business Management AAS:
Agri-Business Certificate

Automotive Technology AAS:
Automotive Maintenance and Light Repair Certificate
Automotive Technician Certificate

Business Administrative Technology AAS:
Office Assistant Certificate
Office Specialist Certificate
Application Specialist Certificate
Bookkeeping Office Assistant Certificate
Customer Service Certificate

Business Management and Marketing AAS:
Entrepreneur Basics Certificate
Entrepreneurship Certificate

Carpenters Concentration AAS:
Carpenters Concentration Certificate

Computer Science/Computer Information Systems AAS:
Computer Information Systems Concentration
Computer Science Concentration (Technical Emphasis)

Construction:
Construction Management AAS
Interrupted Sequence AAS
Basic Construction Skills Certificate
Building Construction and Repair Certificate

Construction Trade Technology AAS*:
Carpenters Concentration Certificate
Electrical Inside Wireman Concentration AAS
Electrical Inside Wireman Concentration Certificate
Ironworkers Concentration AAS
Ironworkers Concentration Certificate
Plumbers and Pipefitters Concentration AAS
Plumbers and Pipefitters Concentration Certificate
Laborers Concentration AAS
Laborers Concentration Certificate

**Students must be accepted into a union apprenticeship prior to starting program courses.*

Data Systems and Development AAS:
Database Foundation Certificate
General Programming Certificate
Web Development Certificate

Digital Media AAS:
3D Computer Animation Software Certificate

Emergency Medical Services:
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) Certificate
Advanced EMT Certificate
Paramedic Certificate
Paramedic/Firefighter AAS

Emergency Services Skills Certificates:
Basic Operations Firefighter I
Applied Electrocardiography

Fire Service Technology AAS

Health Care:
- Nursing AAS
- Nursing: LPN Advanced Placement (LPN to ADN Bridge) AAS
- Nursing: Paramedic Advanced Placement (Paramedic to ADN Bridge) AAS
- Practical Nursing Certificate
- Medical Assisting
- Respiratory Therapy
- Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Radiologic Technology XRA, CT, MRI
- Veterinary Technology AAS

Industrial Technology:
- Computer-Aided Drafting Certificate*
- Mechanical Design Certificate
- Structural and Civil Certificate
- Maintenance and Automation AAS*
- Industrial Maintenance Technology Certificate
- Machinery Maintenance Certificate*
- Machine Tools AAS
- Industrial Machining Certificate*
- Welding AAS
- Industrial Welding AAS
- Industrial Welding Certificate*

**These four certificates stack into Maintenance and Automation AAS.*

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

Landscape and Urban Horticulture AAS:
- Landscape and Urban Horticulture Certificate

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

Surgical Technology AAS:
- Sterile Processing Technician Certificate

Support for Workforce Training (SWFT):
- Truck Driver Training (CDL)
- Advanced Forklift
- Construction Basics
- Electronic Power

Theatre Arts AAS:
- Entertainment Technology AAS
- Entertainment Technology Certificate

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

Online Degrees at Parkland

Did you know Parkland College offers degrees that you can earn 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 (GECC)**

Computer Technology Center

No matter your age, ability, or needs, you'll find convenient computer software classes at Parkland's Computer Technology Center (Room X240). 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 217/351-2506.

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 D120 • **adulteducation@parkland.edu**

Adult and Returning Student Services

parkland.edu/AdultServices • 217/351-2482 • 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 also help you discover your second (or third) act. 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**

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HEALTH CAREERS

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 coursework, 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

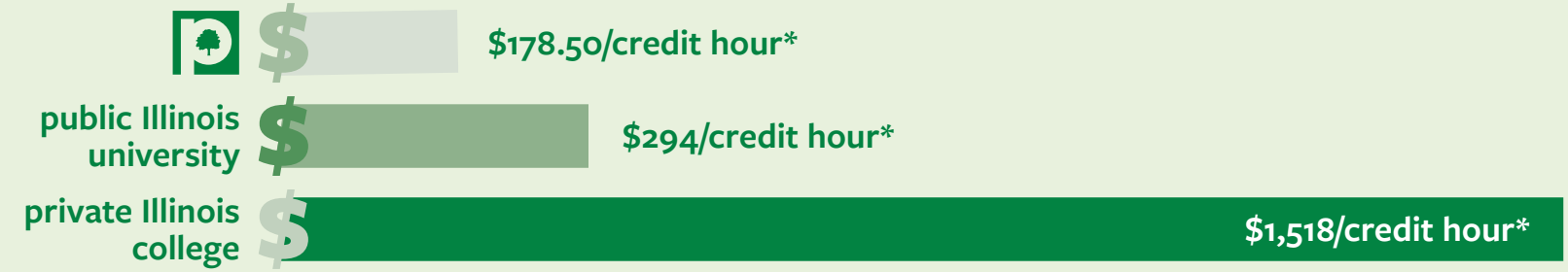
- Academic success coaching
- Child Development Center (*Parkland students receive discounts for childcare services*)
- Emotional counseling
- Learning resources
- Loanable technology
- Library
- Technology support
- TRiO
- Tutoring
- Veterans support
- Writing lab

"Parkland College is a good place for those who feel intimidated by a large campus. The instructors give us extra attention to stay focused on the work. I found staff there who support students and and encourage them every step of their educational journey."

BRENDA J. SMITH, AAS, GENERAL STUDIES

annual tuition comparison

Example: A four credit-hour course.



Under this model, a four credit-hour class would cost **$714** 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 CollegeIllinois.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:

- ECACE (Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Act)
- PATH (Pipeline for the Advancement of Healthcare Workforce)
- Perkins Grant
- SWFT (Support for Workforce Training) 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.