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PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE NOW ENROLLING

THE LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING (LPN) PROGRAM IS ENROLLING NOW!

The Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program at Pratt Community College is enrolling now!

PCC's one-year KSBN-approved LPN program is proven and successful, and has been for years. LPN students at PCC deliver NCLEX pass rates that consistently exceed the national average.

New for Fall 2022, the Practical Nursing program is offering a hybrid learning option. Our program is one of the only programs in the nation to offer a hybrid option for LPN as a permanent offering. You can join live lectures via Zoom technology online if you are unable to travel to our Pratt, Kansas campus, or you can join us in the classrooms at Chandler Hall on the PCC campus, in person.

This major is also included as an option for students who qualify to access Promise funds.

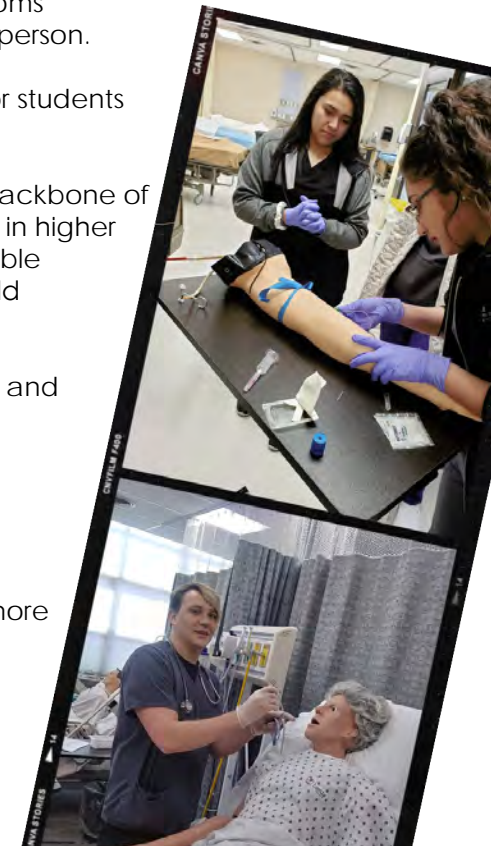
Healthcare professionals help build the backbone of their communities, and have never been in higher demand. Nursing is a rewarding, sustainable well-paying field with a lot of room to build and grow.

As an LPN you can work towards RN, BSN and PRN opportunities while you work.

Want to make a big impact on your community?

Visit our Nursing Program page to learn more about our outstanding program at: prattcc.edu/nursing

See page 3 for more information about how to apply, average LPN salary and schedule



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Certification Day	2/9
Valentine Music Show	2/20
Board of Trustees Meeting	2/21
Academic Olympics	2/28

See next page for more important dates!

FEBRUARY IMPORTANT DATES

Certification Day for Full-Semester Classes

Feb. 09

Valentine Music - Performing Arts

Feb. 20th @ 2:30pm

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center

Feb. 22nd @ 6:00pm

Academic Olympics (No Classes)

Feb. 28th @ 9:30am

MARCH A LOOK AHEAD

Mid-Term Week

March 7th - 11th

Mid-Term Grade Entry

March 11th

Spring Break - No Classes

March 14th - 18th

Fall Early Enrollment Begins

March 21st

Board of Trustees Meeting - Riney Student Center

March 21st @ 6:00pm

Current Student Advising Day (No Classes)

March 30th

***Dates subject to change due to COVID-19 situation.**

**For more upcoming dates and information,
please visit prattcc.edu/calendar**

ENROLLING NOW!

KSBN APPROVED
LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING

NEW! COMING FALL 2022
HYBRID LEARNING OPTION

LPN APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Apply online at prattcc.edu/Apply
- Schedule a tour at prattcc.edu/tour
- Complete and submit LPN program application. Priority deadline is April 1, 2022.
- Complete PCC scholarship application.
- Complete financial information.

AVERAGE LPN SALARY

PERCENT OF PROGRAM GRADUATES
EMPLOYED IN THE REGION: **84%**

MEDIAN EARNING OF PROGRAM GRADUATES:

UPON ENTRY \$49,856
AFTER 5 YEARS \$62,325

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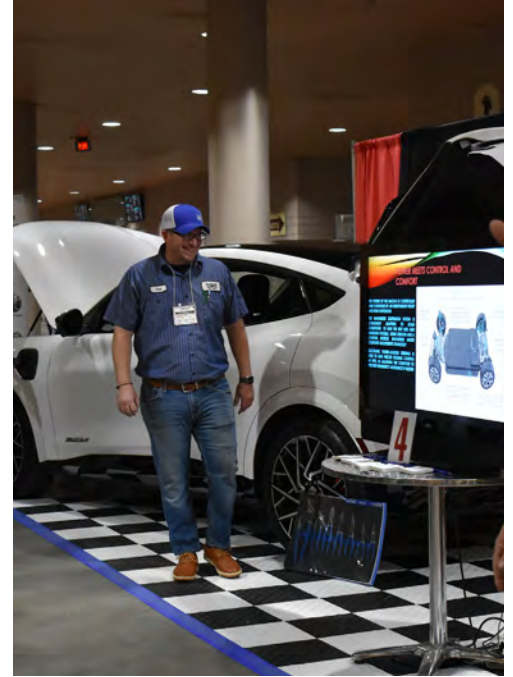
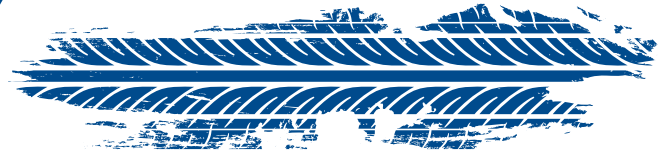
PROGRAM INFORMATION

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AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY



PCC Faculty Meet with Students at Wichita Car Show

Pratt Community College Automotive Technology instructors had the opportunity to meet with high school students, their instructors and the general public at the Cars for Charities Rod and Custom Car Show at Century II in Wichita, KS.

PCC Faculty gave an entertaining back-and-forth banter as their presentation, discussing the opinionated pros and cons of the technology between a 1931 Model A Sports Coupe and a 2021 Mach E Ford Mustang.

Instructor Phil Spillman showed off the all-electric features of the Mach E Ford Mustang, featuring a one-thousand-pound battery affixed to the bottom of the vehicle, roomy interior and the "frunk" space, aka the front trunk storage space under the hood, since there is no engine. The Model A Sports Coupe is a personal vehicle, and first restoration project, of instructor Daryl Lucas. He invited vertically-blessed students to sit in the compact cab of the coupe, boasted about the old-school 4-cylinder engine power, and natural air conditioning features (windows) of his vehicle.

Marcus Hicks with Mel Hambelton Ford was also on hand to give pointers and a brief overview of what is expected of employees that work in their dealerships.

PCC instructor Alan Ziegler was also in attendance, and instructors Tyler Wells and Daniel Meng brought their students in from our Kingman and Attica campuses.

Hundreds of students came through, grouped by school to smile and learn at our booth. They also had the opportunity to enter tool kit giveaways and sign up to get more information about the Automotive Technology program. The car show is an opportunity for the public and potential students to meet face-to-face with PCC faculty and observe their enthusiasm when it comes to talking shop about their favorite subject: cars.

See next page for more pictures of this event!



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BEAVER ATHLETICS

2021-2022

Visit gobeaversports.com for schedules, rosters, statistics and more!



Beavers Give First Half Scare to Indy Pirates

Pratt Community College (PCC) has found their next Director of Cross Country, Track & Field in Mathew Scott. Coach Scott comes to Beaver Nation from Ottawa University (OU) where he served as an assistant coach in the Braves track and field program.

"I would like to thank President Calvert and Tim Swartzendruber for the opportunity to lead the Beaver cross country and track programs, said Coach Scott." "I look forward to being a part of the Beaver athletic family and to the years ahead."

During his time at OU he coached several athletes who set numerous school indoor records. In addition, he had two Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference (KCAC) indoor meet records broken, two KCAC individual champions, four National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) indoor track and field qualifiers, 21 student-athletes earned All-KCAC honors and two NAIA indoor all-Americans.



Prior to his time at OU, coach Scott spent one season as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for the track and cross-country program at Alderson Broaddus University (AB) in West Virginia. He has been a coach, educator, and administrator during the past 10 years and began his career at Aberdeen Christian School in South Dakota. Other stops include Ipswich Public School, Wakpala Public School, and Modbrige-Pollock Public School all-in South Dakota.

"We are excited about Coach Scott joining the Beaver family. His experiences in both high school and college should serve him well in this position, said Athletic Director Tim Swartzendruber." "He is knowledgeable in many different track events and we believe this will help our overall recruiting. I believe his enthusiasm for cross country and track will give this program the boost it needs."

The indoor track & field season kicked off at the All-Kansas Invite at Washburn University. The team will be back in action at the NJCAA Region IV Showcase at Pittsburgh State University.



Student Feature

SAGE SHERMAN

WILDLIFE OUTFITTING & OPERATIONS

What brought you to PCC?

I wasn't quite sure what I wanted to do with my life, but I knew I wanted it to be something outdoorsy. I'd already given the whole college life a try before realizing the program I was in wasn't for me. I still wanted to go to school, but had no idea what I was really looking for. I was talking to a couple of my friends who had gone to Pratt and they told me about the Wildlife Outfitting and Operations program. I did some digging and knew it was going to be the next step for me.

Why did you pursue this field of study?

I grew up hunting, fishing, and exploring the outdoors. It is something I love doing and am very passionate about.

What do you like best about the program?

I love everything about this program, but one of my favorite parts is how hands-on it is. Instead of sitting in a classroom listening to our instructor talk about guiding, trapping, fishing, etc. he takes us out and we actually experience it first hand. It leaves a lasting impression, and is a lot of fun.

Is there any particular class, lesson or hands-on activity you really liked in the program?

All of them! Deer management was one of my favorite classes. Learning how to accurately score and age deer was a lot of fun. I also love the traveling portion that comes with this program. Trout fishing at the Roaring River in Missouri and hiking through the Black Hills of South Dakota chasing Merriam's and looking for sheds are two trips I will never forget.

What do you plan to do in your career after degree or certificate completion?

Once I graduate from Pratt I plan to go on to Emporia State University and earn my Bachelors degree in Wildlife Biology, and then to Boise State to earn my Masters of Science in Raptor Biology. After that the goal is to be a Biologist at the Birds of Prey Center in Idaho.

What advice would you give to future students interested in this program?

Have fun and stay engaged. Hang out in the bow shop! It might be intimidating at first, but that is where you will find the heart of the WOO Crew. Don't be afraid to get out of your comfort zone, we are all family and will help you along the way.

Any shout outs to instructors, staff or a mentor at PCC?

Rocky Robinson is one of the best instructors I have ever had. He is so passionate about this program, and goes above and beyond to make sure everyone understands the content and has fun doing it. The WOO program wouldn't be what it is today without him. **Theresa Gee** is the most fun, helpful, saint of a woman. She takes care of the WOO Crew, and keeps us all in line. We would be lost without her. **Barrett Smith's** lectures are ones I won't be forgetting any time soon. He treats us WOO kids as if we are his own, and is always there for a life lesson or a laugh. All of my professors have been so supportive and encouraging of the WOO Program. I appreciate their support and patience more than they know.

Anything extra you want to add?

My decision to join the WOO Crew was one of the best decisions I have ever made. The lifelong friendships I have formed, the outdoor experience I have gained, and the amount of fun that I have had in this program are all things that will stay with me forever. If you have any desire to learn and experience the outdoors- I highly recommend you join the family.

[Visit our website for more information about the Wildlife Outfitting and Operations program.](#)



MENTAL HEALTH MINUTE



Society's Place in Personal Wellness

This month's aspect in our foray into mental wellness will not be as in-depth as our past areas. Part of that is because societal wellness can also be considered social wellness. However, I find it valuable to identify this aspect on its own and not lump it into another month's topic.

Societal well-being is essentially a feeling of being interconnected with all things. I like to think of this as the existential side of wellness emerging from and within us. And though I am not a huge fan of existentialism, I do find value in its attributes to the field. In order to build or work on this area, we must learn skills that make us connect. Skills like:

- how to support the environment,
- how to help build a stronger local community,
- how to help foster a culture of compassion, fairness, and kindness.

All of these skills can help us to feel like we are part of something bigger than ourselves that is thriving and supports one another and the world at large. Feeling like this can help us live happily.

Some people might look at this through the existential lens of feeling like a tiny speck in a much bigger world, but it really does take all of us to create societal well-being. Think about it like this: if each one of us chose to do one act of kindness

for someone else in the community, what would our community look like? Most likely, it would be a very kind and caring place to live. Many of us get to experience this type of act each semester within our own small community at PCC as Misty's Public Speaking class completes acts of kindness each semester. Personally, I received a basket of pick-me-up goodies after a tough life event from one of her groups and that kindness reminded me that I was not alone < societal well-being began from this event as I chose to create a group for people who were going through what I was in an online community.

Aside from living our own values in our society, we can help create a healthier - more well - society by creating a plastic-free home, recycling, being a positive impact in others' lives, etc. One of the biggest ways we could work on societal well-being is to just be kind.



Amanda Wade
Licensed Professional Counselor

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Macksville Students Earn OSHA 10 Safety Certifications



Five high school students from Macksville, KS earned OSHA 10 safety certifications through Pratt Community College.

The students are enrolled in Welding and Ag Power Technology courses, so an OSHA 10 safety certification gives them an important start in industry.

Jessica Neeland oversees the program at USD 351 Macksville.

“OSHA-10 is a lifetime certification, meaning they will not have to renew it. This certification will open up new opportunities for these students even while they are in high school. After passing this course they also have a new understanding of workplace safety and how to possibly prevent accidents from happening on the job.”

Congratulations to Roger Ibarra, Thoran Cross, John Mitchell, Isaiah Rose and Fabian Ortiz.

Visit our College Start web page to learn more about Career Technical Education (CTE) courses for high school students through Pratt Community College.

<https://prattcc.edu/department/college-start-college-credit-high-school-students>

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Building Days

PREPARE FOR FALL

MEET WITH ADVISORS
and **REGISTER FOR CLASSES**

IN-PERSON

APRIL 21

MAY 25

JUNE 14

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JULY 12

JULY 14

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PCC Staff Spotlight

Staff Senate is launching a new initiative through which the PCC employees and members of the community can get to know our staff better. Staff Senate hopes that this spotlight will help us get to know one another better and feel even more connected as a community.

What is your name, what is your role/position at PCC, and how long have you worked here?

Ken Kepley
Head Wrestling Coach
Sport Performance & Center Coordinator
& Faculty
This will be my 11th year – 10th as Head Coach

What project, responsibility, and/or aspect of your position do you enjoy the most?

Our student body!

What do you consider your biggest accomplishment to date?

Our reputation for high academics within our wrestling program.

Before joining the PCC community, what was the most unusual or interesting job/ position you had ever held?

Landscaping & Construction

What is an interesting fact about yourself that you believe your fellow staff members would either not already know and/or would be surprised to learn?

I died – and was pronounced dead – my senior year of high school.

What do you do or are involved in for fun/ relaxation outside of the PCC community?

USA Wrestling Kansas Regional Training Center Coach – District 4 Beaver Wrestling Club Coach. I coach all National Teams of all ages year round for the state of Kansas and get to travel across the country for it – hopefully soon for Team USA – had the opportunity to last year but COVID-19 would not allow Dayton Porsch wrestle for the Junior World Team in Belgrade, Serbia.

Do you have a motto, personal mantra, or favorite/ influential quote to share... Why is that important to you?

Chop Wood – Carry Water
Why? Because what you allow is what will continue.





Pratt Community College Performing Arts presents

An afternoon of

Valentine Music

bring your sweetie and join us

February 20* at 2:30pm

Carpenter Auditorium
Pratt Community College

Admission is \$5

**This is a date and time change
from our original planned concert.*

PRATT COMMUNITY COLLEGE CELEBRATE DIVERSITY TEAM

Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing their central role in U.S. history. Also known as African American History Month, the event grew out of "Negro History Week," the brainchild of noted historian Carter G. Woodson and other prominent African Americans. Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month. Other countries around the world, including Canada and the United Kingdom, also devote a month to celebrating Black history.

Origins of Black History

The story of Black History Month begins in 1915, half a century after the Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery in the United States.

That September, the Harvard-trained historian Carter G. Woodson and the prominent minister Jesse E. Moorland founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (ASNLH), an organization dedicated to researching and promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

Known today as the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the group sponsored a national Negro History week in 1926, choosing the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. The event inspired schools and communities nationwide to organize local celebrations, establish history clubs and host performances and lectures.

Source Cited: HISTORY, A&E Television Networks, 19 Jan. 2022, www.history.com/topics/black-history/black-history-month.

Did you know? The NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909, the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

In the decades that followed, mayors of cities across the country began issuing yearly proclamations recognizing "Negro History Week." By the late 1960s, thanks in part to the civil rights movement and a growing awareness of Black identity, "Negro History Week" had evolved into Black History Month on many college campuses.

President Gerald Ford officially recognized Black History Month in 1976, calling upon the public to "seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of Black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history." Today, Black History Month is a time to honor the contributions and legacy of African Americans across U.S. history and society—from activists and civil rights pioneers such as Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth, Marcus Garvey, Martin Luther King Jr., Malcolm X and Rosa Parks to leaders in industry, politics, science, culture and more.



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Contact Lisa Perez-Miller at
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