



# PIKES PEAK

STATE COLLEGE

2024-2025 VIEWBOOK

*[pikespeak.edu](http://pikespeak.edu)*



# WELCOME

*to Pikes Peak State College*

Welcome to Pikes Peak State College, where education meets accessibility at the foot of the Rockies! Whether you're gearing up for a rewarding career or looking to climb higher in your current field, Pikes Peak State College is your path to success.

We've got over 200 certificates and degrees, many at no cost to you. Want to earn a Bachelor's degree without breaking the bank? We offer several four year degrees for a fraction of the cost of other state institutions. Planning to transfer to a four-year college? Our Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program makes it a breeze. Need a fast track to the workforce? While most of our degrees take two years, some certificates can be earned in just one semester.

Not sure what to study? Pikes Peak State is the most affordable place to explore your options. Our advisors, both in person and online, are like your personal trail guides, ready to help you navigate different pathways. Whichever path you choose, you're never alone. Tutors, counselors, accessibility service experts, and your professors are here to support you every step of the way.

At Pikes Peak State, we're dedicated to helping you find your place, whether it's in college, the workforce, or beyond.

*Your destination is waiting.*



## REACH NEW HEIGHTS AT PIKES PEAK STATE

# ELEVATE *your education.*

### **Quality Education**

Our programs are developed alongside local industry experts, ensuring you're ready for the current job market's demands. From Cybersecurity, Welding, and Mechanical Engineering to Nursing, Business, and Computer Science, you'll be well prepared for the careers of the future.

### **Affordable Tuition**

Scaling the heights of education should not mean assuming mountains of debt. At Pikes Peak State, our tuition is nearly half of what other Colorado institutions charge. With affordable tuition, financial aid, scholarships, and no-cost programs, we make your educational journey financially achievable.

### **Guaranteed Transfer**

Ready to transfer to a four-year institution? Pikes Peak State offers transferable credits to UCCS, CSU, CU, and all regionally accredited colleges and universities. Our Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program makes transferring seamless, guaranteeing admission to over a dozen schools. Plus, with CSU-Pueblo on our Centennial Campus, you can earn your CSU bachelor's degree without leaving our halls.

### **Inclusive Community**

At Pikes Peak State, we believe in the power of diverse experiences and backgrounds to enrich education. Clubs like Latino Alliance and Native Student Union ensure that student voices are heard and celebrated. We also have a department dedicated to military-affiliated students, who make up a third of our student body. We're all about fostering a sense of belonging for everyone on our campuses.





# TUITION and Fees

At Pikes Peak State, you get top-notch education without the hefty price tag—saving you an average of \$10,000 on your first two years of school before you transfer. Plus, many of our students attend part-time, reducing costs even further and boosting your savings!

## College You CAN AFFORD

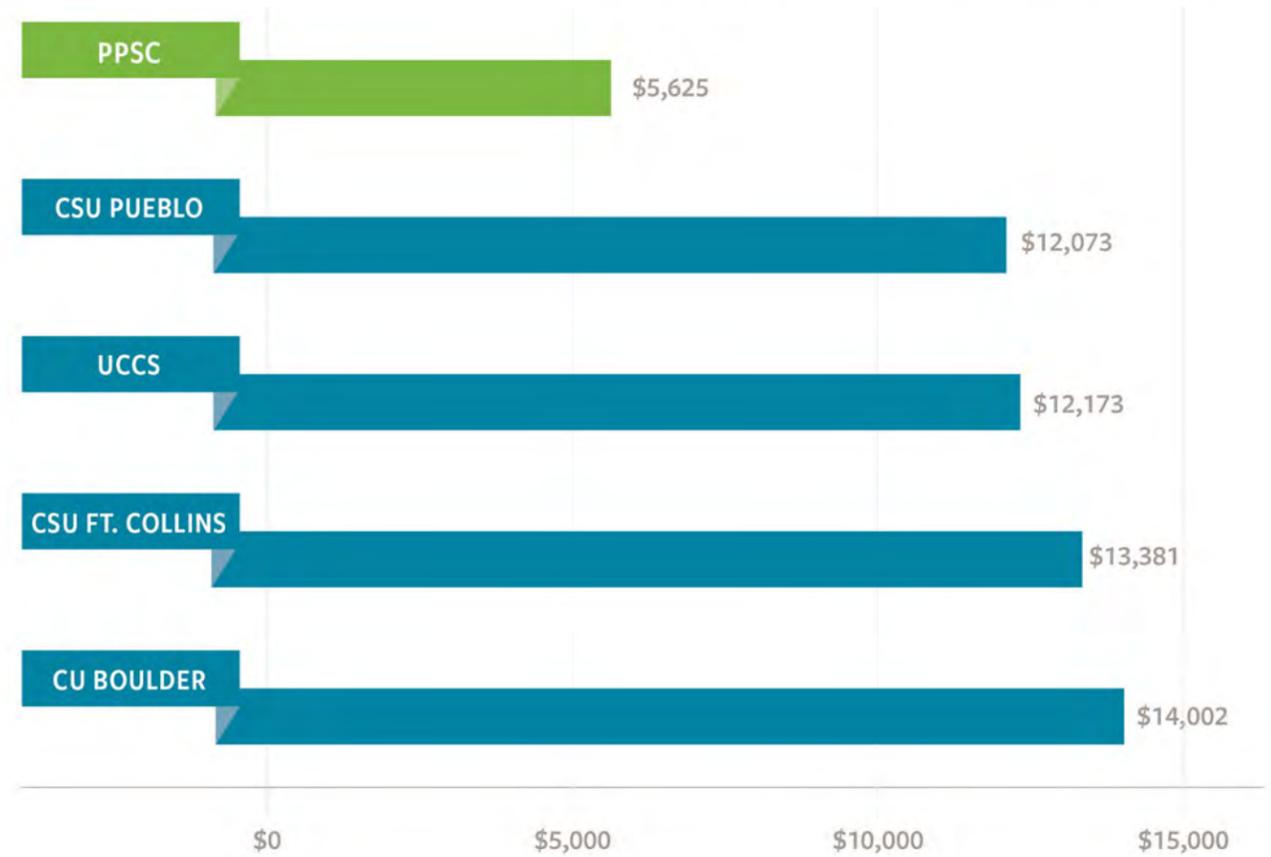
At Pikes Peak State, we believe education does not have to come with the heavy burden of debt. Our tuition is a fraction of what regional four-year colleges and universities charge. Most of our students who apply for aid receive assistance, and we award over \$1.2 million in scholarships every year.

We offer a range of financial aid options, including grants and scholarships (which you don't have to pay back), student jobs (federally funded employment), loans (that you do have to pay back), and military benefits. Unsure how to navigate financial assistance? Our dedicated team is here to guide you through the process and help you choose the best options.

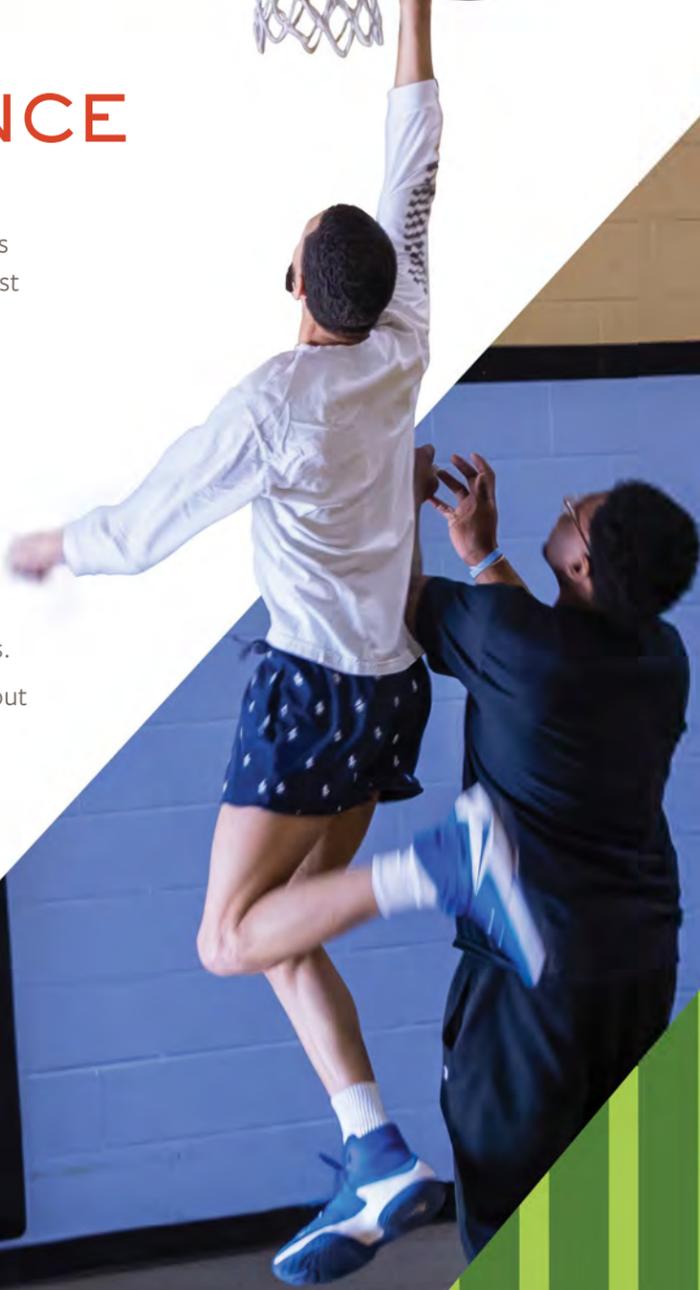


### PEAK FACT

We partner with numerous organizations that invest in their employees' education by offering tuition assistance or reimbursement. This includes companies like Amazon, local law enforcement, first responder agencies, and more!



Comparison to in-state tuition for two semesters at 15 credits per semester. These figures are based on tuition and fees as of July 2024 (30 credits at resident rates, with COF) and can vary depending on program of study.



# A True COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Building community and knowing you belong matters at Pikes Peak State. Studies show that students who are involved in extracurriculars often perform better in the classroom. College is about more than just academics; it's also about personal growth. Here at Pikes Peak State, you'll find plenty of ways to get involved, forge lasting relationships, and make memories you'll never forget.

## BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- **Student government** | Give the student body a voice.
- **Fitness Center** | One of the many free perks to being a student! Located on our Centennial Campus.
- **Club sports** | Compete in the gym or outside in the great outdoors.
- **Clubs & organizations** | Combat hackers with the Cyber Club or tout success with our honor society, Phi Theta Kappa.
- **Affinity groups** | Create safe spaces for all by joining the reviving Black Student Union or Queer Empowerment Club.



### PEAK FACT

The college's bi-weekly *Stall Street Journal* has everything students need to know including student activities, announcements, resources, and more.

Check It Out » [pikespeak.edu/SSJ](https://pikespeak.edu/SSJ)



## Our Mission is YOUR MISSION

Pikes Peak State is proud to serve more military-affiliated students than any other college or university in Colorado. That's why we have a dedicated program for our military-affiliated students.

Our Military and Veterans Programs (MVP) team is here to empower our active duty, veteran, and dependent students. MVP advisors offer expert guidance on securing benefits and connecting military students with rewarding careers. Pikes Peak State consistently ranks as a top school for two-year institutions in the Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges list and on the MilitaryFriendly® Schools list.



“Pikes Peak State has a large population of veterans and non-traditional students. I felt more comfortable being somewhere where I could fit in, where I wouldn't feel alone.”

JOLYNN MINNS, ARMY VETERAN | THEATRE MAJOR

# Equity, Inclusion AND BELONGING

Our campuses are enriched by a variety of voices and experiences. Learning how to work effectively with others, across differences, is central to our mission. This begins with welcoming and valuing people for who they are and for the unique contributions each person brings to our campus. This inclusive learning and working environment promotes a free exchange of ideas, deepens empathy and respect for those unlike ourselves, and creates a richer experience for us all.

We provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to encounter, explore, and understand a broad range of ideas and cultures. You will find that our student clubs and celebrations reflect our DEI values.

- Armonía Hispana
- Global Roundtables
- Latino Alliance
- Black Student Union
- Queer Empowerment Club
- Student Veterans Organization
- Native American Student Alliance

## OUR STUDENTS

- 47% First Generation
- 30% Military Affiliated
- 24% Hispanic
- 7% African American

## AWARDS

- Higher Education Excellence in Diversity
- “Best for Vets” College
- Military Friendly School

# Convenience REDEFINED

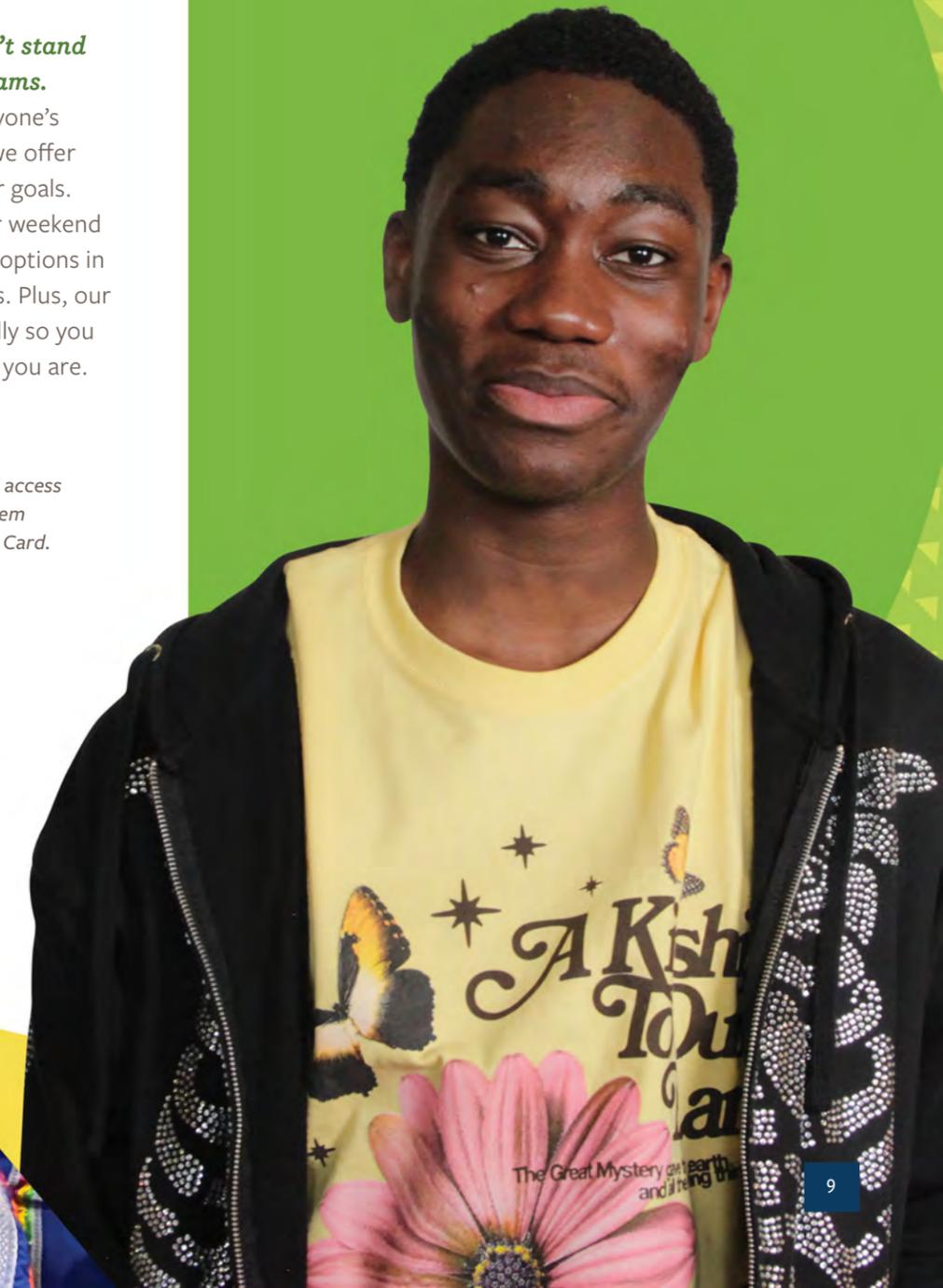
*Life is complex, but that shouldn't stand in the way of achieving your dreams.*

At Pikes Peak State, we get it—everyone's journey has its hurdles. That's why we offer the flexibility you need to reach your goals. Whether you prefer day, evening, or weekend classes, we've got you covered with options in traditional, online, or hybrid formats. Plus, our support services are available virtually so you can get the help you need wherever you are.



## PEAK FACT

All PPSC students get unlimited access to the Mountain Metro bus system with a swipe of your Student ID Card.



# HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, *embark on your college journey now*

Pikes Peak State is here to help you climb higher and save money with our concurrent enrollment program. With PPSC's program, you can take college courses that also count for high school credit. By the time you graduate high school, you'll already have college credits under your belt. If you decide to complete your associate degree here at Pikes Peak State before transferring to a university or starting your career, you'll save even more money.

If you aren't sure what you want to study, Pikes Peak State is the place for you. With over 89 programs to choose from, you can explore a variety of industries at a lower cost per credit than any other state school in Colorado!

- ▶ **Step 1**  
Go to [pikespeak.edu/hsp](https://pikespeak.edu/hsp) to check out your options.
- ▶ **Step 2**  
Meet with your high school counselor to determine which of our programs is right for you.
- ▶ **Step 3**  
Once you've decided which program is right for you, your high school counselor can walk you through the program checklist on our website to ensure a seamless start to your college journey.

Pikes Peak State's High School Programs Department is here for your support anytime. Email us at [HSP@pikespeak.edu](mailto:HSP@pikespeak.edu), call 719-502-3111, or *Visit* » [pikespeak.edu/hsp](https://pikespeak.edu/hsp)



# PATHWAYS

## TO DISCOVERY

### *Finding your way.*

At Pikes Peak State, finding your path is more than navigating a campus map—it's about discovering the right trail that leads to a fulfilling career. With over 200 degrees and certificates, you've got all the options you need to explore at a price you can afford.

Each of our campuses offers unique pathways, or areas of study. Many general education classes are available at each location, so you can complete most of your degree at one campus. Students can even complete general education classes at our Learning Centers at Fort Carson Army Post and Peterson Space Force Base.

No matter where you choose to study at Pikes Peak State, you'll find a dedicated team of faculty, tutors, and advisors ready to help you find your path. You put in the work, and we'll help you make it to the summit of your dreams.

*Learn More* » [pikespeak.edu/pathways](https://pikespeak.edu/pathways)



# Business, Technology & Public Service

## SOUTH | CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

At Centennial, our largest campus, you can explore **Business, Technology, and Public Service**. Whether you're aiming for a career in business, cybersecurity or criminal justice, we've got you covered. Some programs are designed to prepare you for transfer to a four-year college or university. Others, like culinary arts or computer networking, offer certificates and two-year degrees that can lead to well-paying jobs right after graduation, if not before.



### Discover what you can study in the Business, Technology, & Public Service Pathway:

- Accounting
- Business
- Business Technology
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Networking
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Cybersecurity
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Education
- Emergency Management & Planning
- Emergency Services Administration
- Fire Science Technology
- Fire Academy
- Hospitality
- Pikes Peak Regional Law Enforcement Academy
- Management
- Paralegal
- Social Work



# Technical & Professional Studies

SOUTH | CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

Centennial is also home to Technical and Professional Studies, a cluster of programs designed to get you into rewarding jobs, feeding a vibrant workforce. Here, your classrooms might have a car or truck on a lift, and instead of a computer or notebook in front of you, you might find an air conditioning duct or a welding torch. In these skilled trade programs, you can earn certificates that'll get you into the job market quickly.



## Discover what you can study in the Technical & Professional Studies Pathway:

- Architectural Engineering Technician
- Auto Collision Technology
- Automotive Technology
- Broadcasting & Electronic Media
- Building & Construction Technology
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Construction Management
- Diesel Technology
- Heating Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
- Interior Design
- Multimedia Graphic Design
- Robotics and Automation Technology
- Sign Language Interpreter Preparation Program
- Welding



# Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences

CENTRAL | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

At Pikes Peak State's Downtown Campus you'll find the Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences pathway. Recently renovated with a modern Learning Commons, Creative Commons, and Studio West gallery, this campus is designed to ignite your senses with possibilities.

The Downtown campus is all about expanding your world. You can immerse yourself in world languages, express yourself through music and dance, or try on a new character in our black box theater. With artistic expression all around you, the stage is set for your creative future.



"I like the community here at PPSC. It's very welcoming."

ELIJAH MALONE, PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR  
SPECIALIZING IN FINE ART



*Discover what you can study in the Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences Pathway:*

- Anthropology
- Art
- Behavioral Health
- Communication
- Dance
- English
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- History
- Humanities
- Journalism
- Music
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Theatre
- World Languages



# Science, Engineering & Math

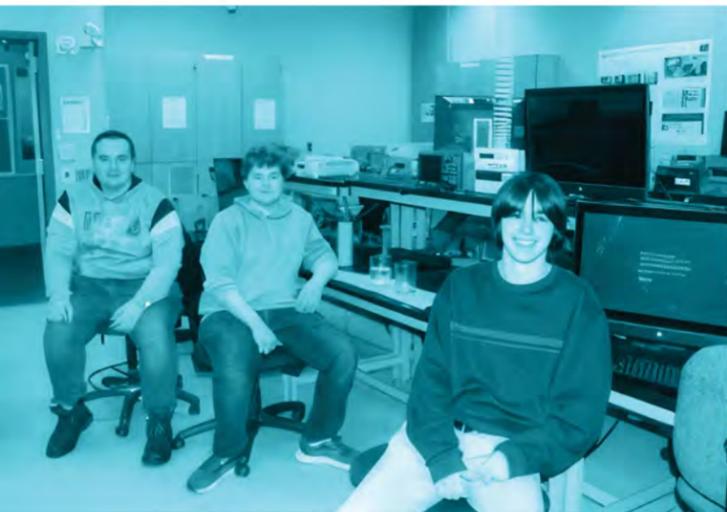
## NORTH | RAMPART CAMPUS

With stunning views of Pikes Peak, you'll find our northern Rampart Range Campus, home to the Science, Engineering and Math pathway. It is a modern campus, boasting state-of-the-art labs and an expansive sunlit atrium where you can study, snack or lounge!

The Science, Engineering and Math pathway not only involves calculations and chemistry, but also veterinary assisting, agriculture, astronomy, and health & wellness. Majors like Geology and Geography will take you outside the walls of this campus to nature's own classrooms!

### PEAK FACT

A PPSC engineering student teamed up with two UCCS students to win a nationwide competition, and their experiment will fly to the International Space Station in Fall 2024!



### PEAK FACT

Rampart's one-mile walking path that circles the campus ensures you do not miss the gorgeous view of America's Mountain!

### Discover what you can study in the Science, Engineering & Math Pathway:

- Biology
- Chemistry
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Geology
- Health & Wellness
- Mathematics
- Nutrition & Dietetics
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Veterinary Assisting\*
- Zoo Keeping Technology\*

\*\*Housed at Centennial Campus.



# Health Sciences

NORTH | CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE  
EDUCATION & SIMULATION

**At this location, just north of the Rampart Campus, you will learn in simulated surgical rooms, hospital clinics, and even an ambulance.**

These simulations match clinical settings so well that you can even earn some of your required clinical hours right here. With the use of our sophisticated medical mannequins, you will practice administering care under simulated high-pressure situations without the high stakes of risking lives.

If you're driven to help people heal, whether that's a career in nursing, phlebotomy, surgical tech or other medical professions, you'll find a perfect fit in the Health Sciences pathway.

## PEAK FACT

Pikes Peak State nursing students who graduated in December 2024 received another 100% NCLEX-RN exam pass rate. PPSC's nursing program ranks in the top 5 in the country year after year.



## Discover what you can study in the Health Sciences Pathway:

- American Heart Association Training Center
- Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
- Dental Assisting\*
- Dental Hygiene\*
- Emergency Medical Services
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Medical Professionals
- Medical Reception & Coding
- Nursing Assistant
- Paramedicine
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Phlebotomy
- Radiology Technology
- Sterile Processing
- Surgical Technology

\*\*Housed at Rampart Campus.



“My time here has been full of surprises...I decided to get involved with Student Government which has helped me grow out of my timid behavior. I've gained plenty of friends and associates that were a part of clubs/programs...who have not only helped expand my thinking but showed me how to be an authentic and considerate leader.”

JALEN JOHNSON | EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES | STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL



## NEW NAME, *more degrees*

### NOW OFFERING BACHELOR'S DEGREES

In 2022, we changed our name to Pikes Peak State College to encompass that we now offer select four-year degrees. Our programs are designed with local industries to ensure we are preparing you for the demands of the expanding job market.

*Pikes Peak State now offers four Bachelor's degrees.*

### *Nursing*

The RN to BSN Program offers an online completion program for licensed registered nurses seeking to obtain their bachelor's degree. The dual enrollment option allows current ADN students to take BSN courses.

### *Emergency Service Administration*

This Bachelor of Applied Science degree will equip you to become a skilled and competent emergency response leader.

### *Advanced Paramedic Practitioner*

This Bachelor of Applied Science degree is designed to prepare currently certified paramedics for the field of critical care and community paramedicine.

### *Cybersecurity*

Pikes Peak is designated by the NSA as a Center for Academic Excellence and the Cyber Club is always in the top 25th percentile in national competitions. With recent funding from the state of Colorado, PPSC now offers a Bachelor's degree that combines state-of-the-art technology with industry expertise.

## BRIDGE to Bachelor's

### *Transfer Made Easy*

Starting at Pikes Peak State with a direct path to four-year degrees has never been easier, thanks to our Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program. You are guaranteed admission to participating four-year colleges or universities upon completion of an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree.

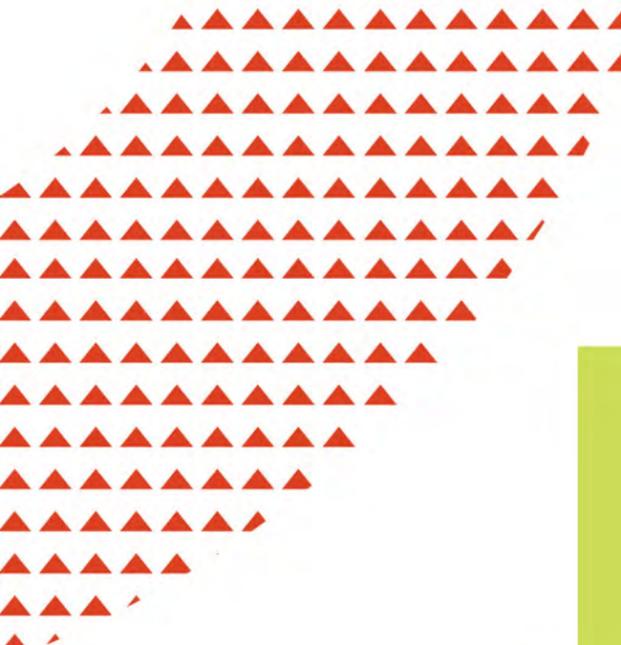
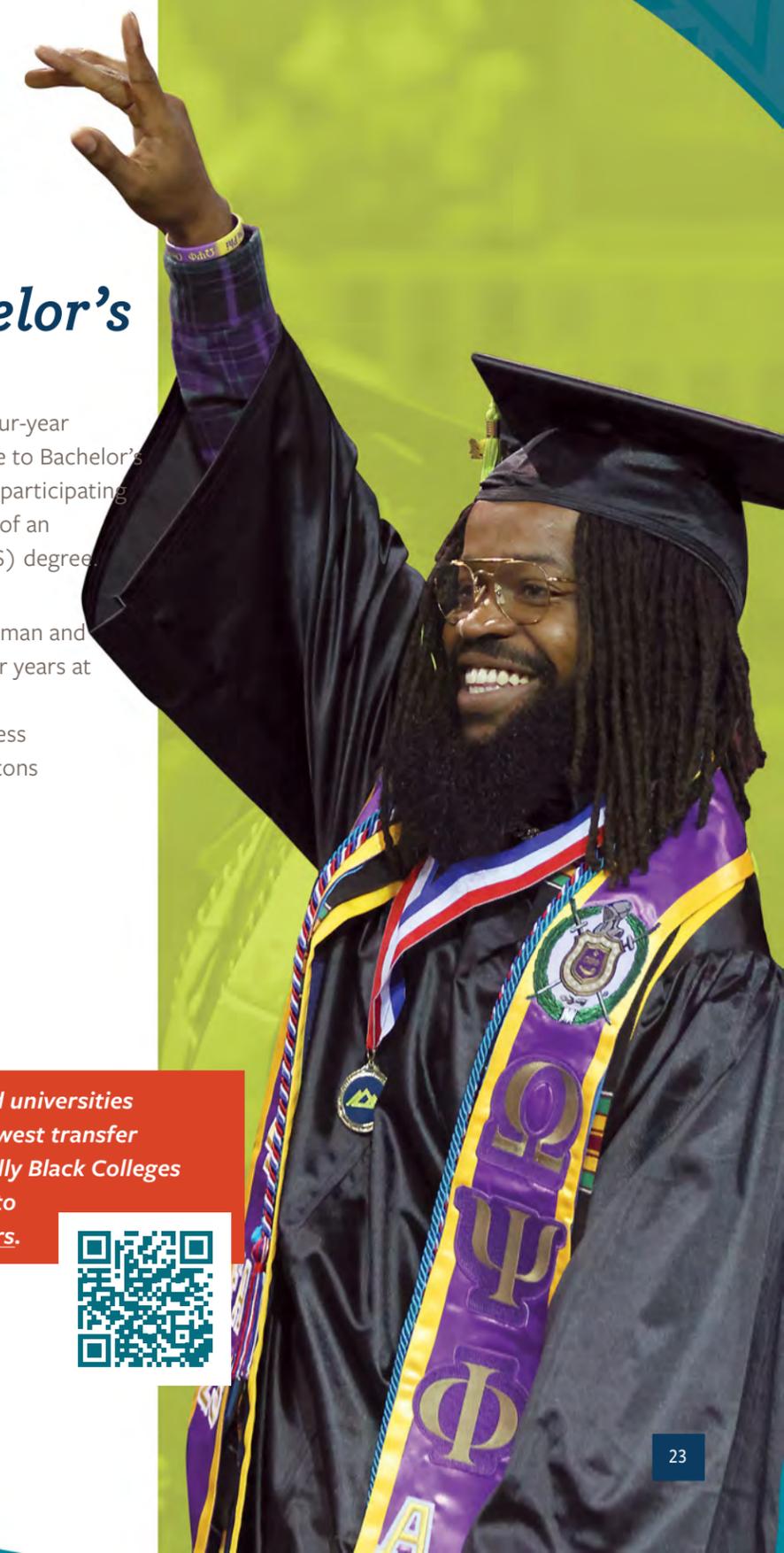
You can study at Pikes Peak State during your freshman and sophomore years, then finish your junior and senior years at UCCS, CSU Pueblo, or any other participating college or university. The transfer process is seamless and enrolling at Pikes Peak State first will save you tons of money.



### PEAK FACT

CSU Pueblo has a satellite campus at Centennial, allowing PPSC students to transfer seamlessly after two years and complete applicable degrees without ever changing locations!

For a list of the 14 colleges and universities participating, including our newest transfer agreements with two historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), go to [pikespeak.edu/bridge-bachelors](https://pikespeak.edu/bridge-bachelors).



# Gain an Edge in the JOB MARKET

With a college degree at Pikes Peak State,  
you will...

- Gain the skills you need for the career you want and build relationships with faculty, staff, and students who can connect you to the regional workforce.
- Be competitive in the job market, qualifying for more available jobs and at a higher rate of pay.



## PEAK FACT

Many of our students are adult learners, here to retool for a new career, returning to complete a degree, or exploring interests for personal growth. Our prior learning assessments, fast-track programs, and flexible class schedules make completion easier than ever.

Learn More » [pikespeak.edu/admissions/adult-learners](https://pikespeak.edu/admissions/adult-learners)



## Signature Workforce READY PROGRAMS

- ▶ **NURSING**  
Pikes Peak State's Nursing program is among the top four programs in the country.
- ▶ **WELDING**  
Graduates of our two-year program can earn up to \$68,500 annually upon entering the workforce.
- ▶ **CYBERSECURITY**  
Pikes Peak is designated by the NSA as a Center for Academic Excellence.
- ▶ **HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION**  
Enter a high-demand career with high job placement.
- ▶ **EMERGENCY SERVICE ADMINISTRATION**  
Fast growing career field, with a projected 21% job growth in Colorado by 2028.



## INNOVATIVE SUPPORT for your success

At the heart of our student-support services, you'll discover innovative and effective ways to get you the help you need.

- **Learning Commons** which serves as our research library, technology support, and tutoring services.
- **Accessibility Services** provides classroom and testing accommodations for students with temporary and long-term disabilities.
- **Counseling Services**, free of charge through the on-campus Counseling Center.
- **Food Assistance** through mobile food markets and on-campus food pantries.
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** classes for bilingual students.
- **Military and Veteran Support** through student clubs and specialized programming.
- **Career Services** that ensure your success beyond earning your degree or certificate.
- **Mountain Metro bus service**, at no cost with your student ID.

*We're here to keep you steadily making progress.*

OUR ALUMNI ARE DOING PHENOMENAL THINGS

# Where Are They NOW?



## **Collette Davis**

Former Automotive Technology student, now a renowned race car driver.

## **Markus Maurette**

Former Theatre student, now special effects wizard behind Broadway's *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child*.



## **Ron Stallworth**

Law Enforcement Academy student, now author of *The Black Klansman*.

## **Andrés Valéz**

Former culinary student, now owns PigLatin Cocina and Anju Korean Eats.



## **Launch YOUR CAREER**

*Entering the workforce can be daunting.  
Unsure where to start?*

Meet with a Career Advisor, either in-person or online, and to discover the unique skills, interests, values, and abilities that make you, you. Together, we'll uncover the perfect career path, specific to you.

We've got tons of workshops, both virtual and in-person, to get you career-ready in no time. Want to nail that interview? Build a killer resume? Maybe even score a job right on campus? We'll show you how! Plus, our regular job fairs connect you with local industry partners who are on the lookout for talented folks just like you.

*Learn More » [pikespeak.edu/career-services](https://pikespeak.edu/career-services)*



### **Campus Resources**

**Academic Advising:** [Advising@pikespeak.edu](mailto:Advising@pikespeak.edu) | **Mental Health Counseling:** 719-502-4782

**Career Services:** [Career@pikespeak.edu](mailto:Career@pikespeak.edu)



**CENTENNIAL CAMPUS**

5675 South Academy Boulevard  
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

**DOWNTOWN CAMPUS**

100 West Pikes Peak Avenue  
Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**RAMPART RANGE CAMPUS**

2070 Interquest Parkway  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

**CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE  
EDUCATION & SIMULATION**

1850 Cypress Semi Drive  
Colorado Springs, CO 80921

**BECOME A STUDENT:**

[PikesPeak.edu/Enroll](https://PikesPeak.edu/Enroll)

719.502.2000

[Admissions@PikesPeak.edu](mailto:Admissions@PikesPeak.edu)

