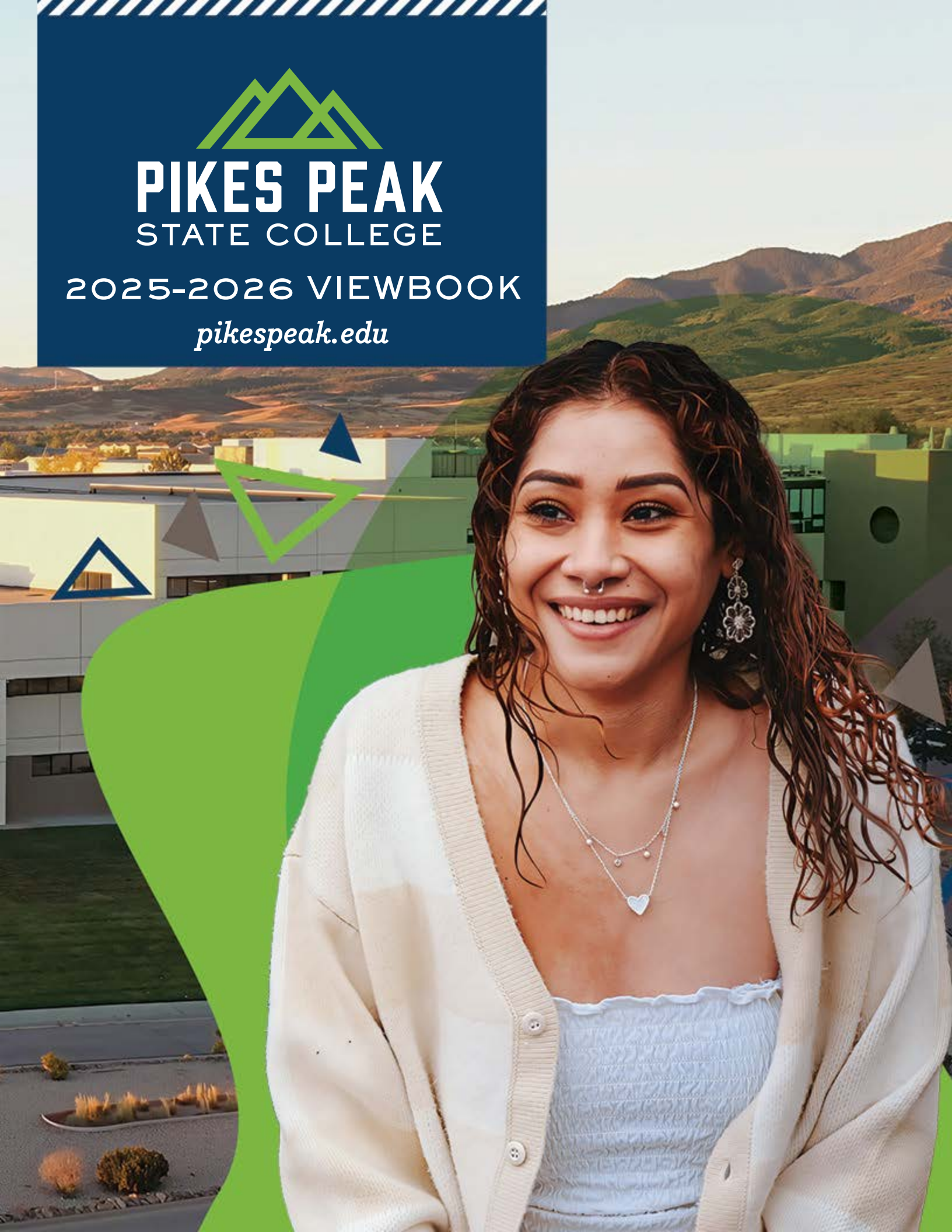




PIKES PEAK
STATE COLLEGE

2025-2026 VIEWBOOK

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WELCOME

to Pikes Peak State College

Welcome to Pikes Peak State College, where your journey begins at the base of America's Mountain. Whether you're launching a new career or leveling up in your current one, Pikes Peak State is your trailhead to success.

We offer more than 200 degrees and certificates; many at little to no cost to you.

Want a Bachelor's degree without the big price tag? We've got several four-year options for a fraction of what you'd pay elsewhere.

Planning to transfer? Our Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program makes it simple.

In a hurry to join the workforce? Some of our certificates can be completed in just one semester.

Still figuring it out? PPSC is the most affordable place to explore your interests. Our advisors (online or in person) are here to help you find your direction. You'll have a full support team behind you: tutors, counselors, accessibility experts, and instructors who are all invested in your success.

At Pikes Peak State, we'll help you find your place on campus, in your career, and beyond.

Let's get you where you want to go.



"PPSC isn't just a college. It's genuinely a community where everybody believes in your potential and helps you succeed every step of the way."

MELISA GAMBINO, PROMISE SCHOLAR
SOCIAL WORK, ASSOCIATE OF ARTS | CLASS OF 2022

REACH NEW HEIGHTS AT PIKES PEAK STATE

ELEVATE *your education.*

Quality Education

Our programs are built in collaboration with local industry leaders, so you're not just learning in a classroom setting, you're preparing for real-world success in the workplace. Whether you're exploring cybersecurity, welding, engineering, nursing, business or psychology, you'll gain the skills that today's employers desire and tomorrow's careers demand.

Affordable Tuition

Climbing toward your goals shouldn't come with a mountain of debt. At Pikes Peak State, our tuition is less than half the cost of most Colorado colleges. Add in financial aid, scholarships, and several no-cost programs, and you'll find a path that fits your budget and your future. We even offer a growing number of bachelor's degrees in high-demand fields like Nursing, Behavioral Health, Cybersecurity and more.

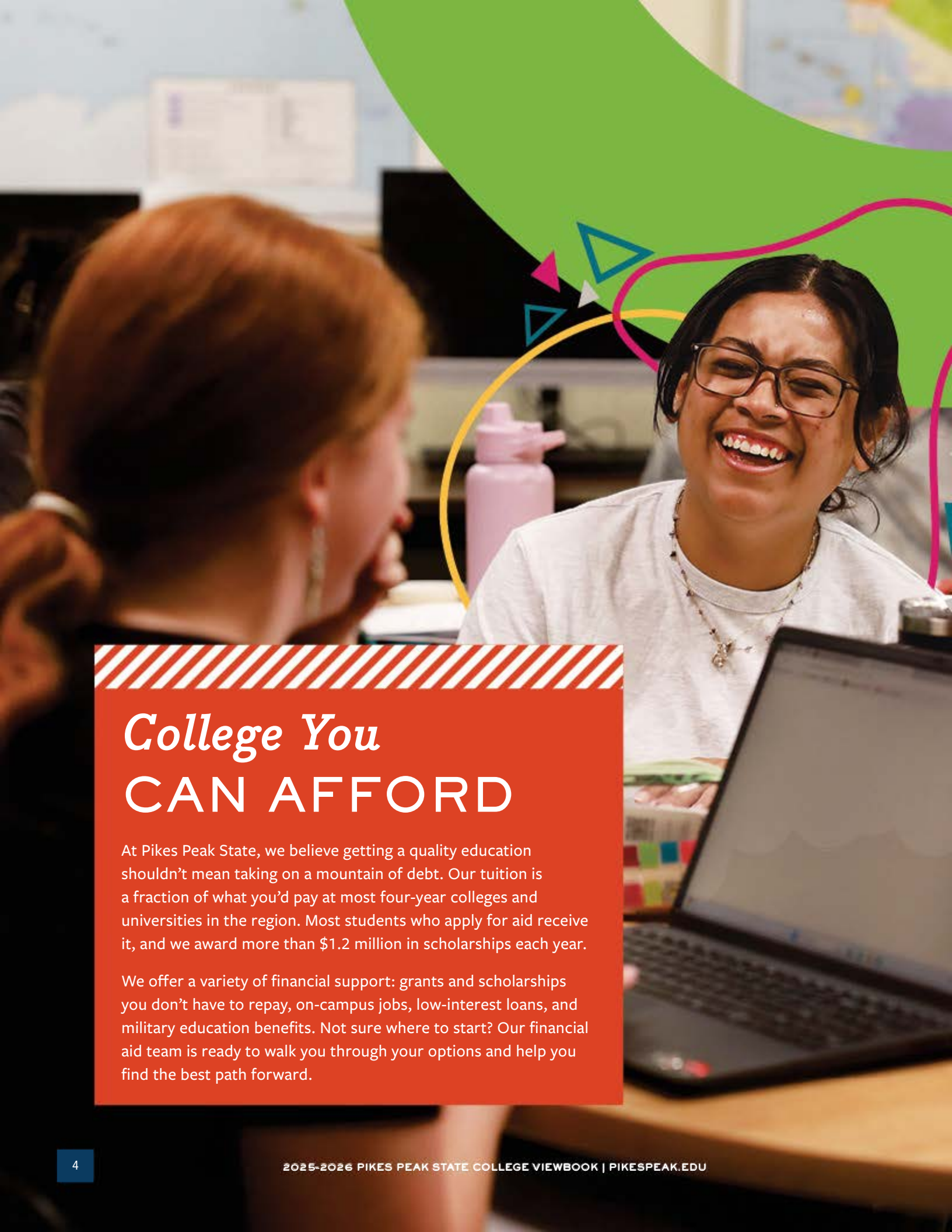
Guaranteed Transfer

Thinking about a four-year degree? Our credits transfer smoothly to UCCS, CSU, CU, and all regionally accredited schools. With our Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program, you'll get guaranteed admission to more than a dozen institutions. And with CSU-Pueblo right here on our Centennial Campus, you can earn your bachelor's without ever leaving campus.

Where You Belong

Pikes Peak State is a place where every student can feel seen, heard, and supported. With student groups like Latino Alliance and the Native American Student Alliance, your identity and experiences are valued. A third of our students are military-affiliated, backed by a dedicated team that understands their unique journey. No matter where you're coming from, you'll find community, connection and the support to succeed.





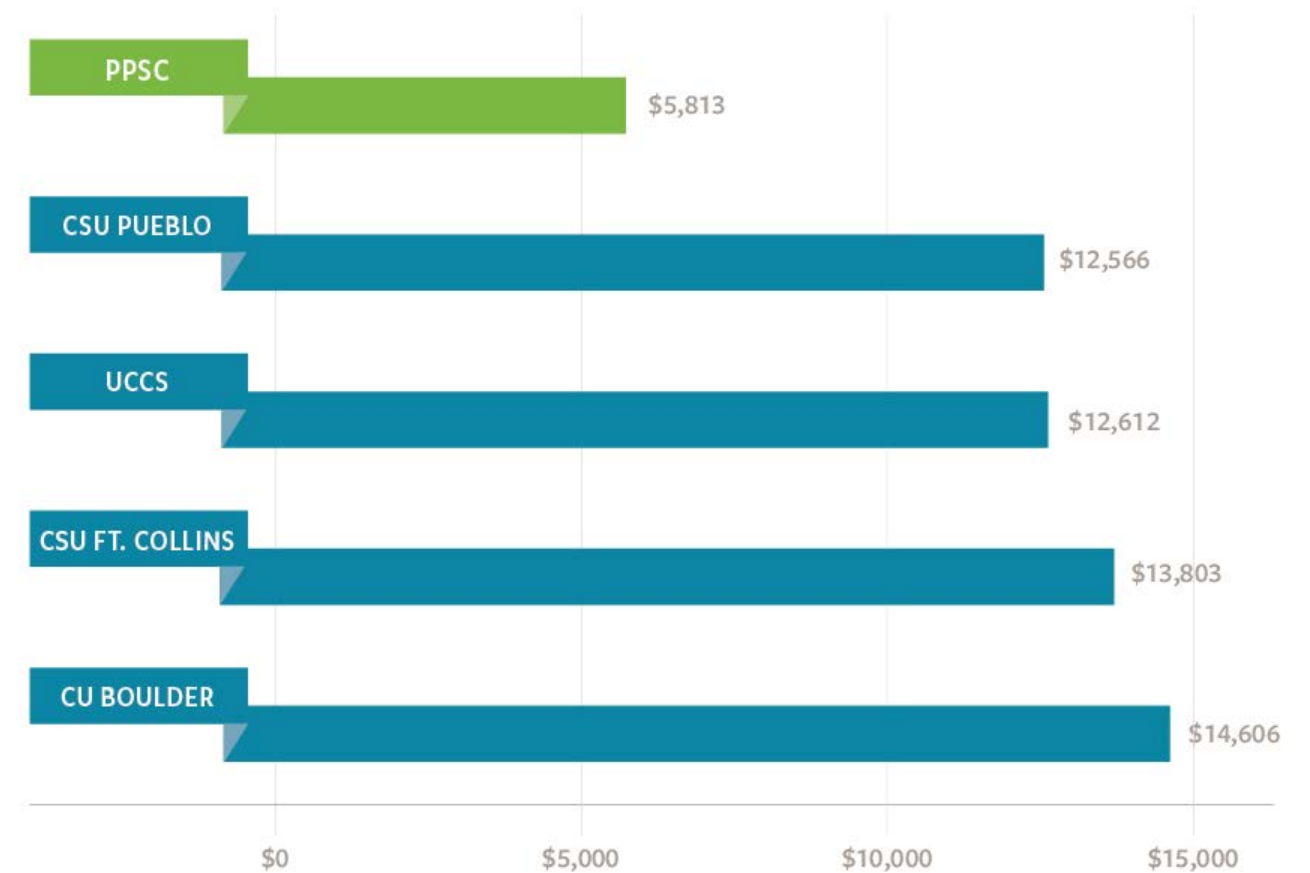
College You CAN AFFORD

At Pikes Peak State, we believe getting a quality education shouldn't mean taking on a mountain of debt. Our tuition is a fraction of what you'd pay at most four-year colleges and universities in the region. Most students who apply for aid receive it, and we award more than \$1.2 million in scholarships each year.

We offer a variety of financial support: grants and scholarships you don't have to repay, on-campus jobs, low-interest loans, and military education benefits. Not sure where to start? Our financial aid team is ready to walk you through your options and help you find the best path forward.

TUITION and Fees

At Pikes Peak State, you get a 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!



Comparison to in-state tuition for two semesters at 15 credits per semester. These figures are based on tuition and fees as of July 2025 (30 credits at resident rates, with COF) and can vary depending on program of study.

A True COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

At Pikes Peak State, community isn't tied to a classroom. It's part of everything we do. Whether you're on campus or online, you'll find ways to connect, grow, and feel like you belong. Students who get involved outside their coursework often do better in it, and PPSC gives you plenty of opportunities, from virtual events and leadership programs to student clubs and support networks. However you attend, you're part of the PPSC family.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

- **Student Government** | Be a voice for your peers and help shape the student experience, on and off campus.
- **Recreation & Wellness** | Take advantage of free workouts at our Fitness Center on Centennial Campus, which is just one of many student perks. You'll have the chance to join club sports teams, too!
- **Clubs & Organizations** | From Cyber Club to Phi Theta Kappa, there's something for every interest. Many groups meet virtually too.
- **Affinity Groups** | Find your people and build community in groups like the Black Student Union and the Spectrum Club, both welcoming students online and on campus.



Our Mission is YOUR MISSION

Pikes Peak State College is proud to serve more military-affiliated students than any other college or university in Colorado. One-third of our student body has ties to the military, and we're built to support you.

Our **Military and Veterans Programs (MVP)** team is here to serve active-duty service members, veterans, and military families with the respect and expertise you deserve. From maximizing your education benefits, to helping you plan your next move, our advisors know the terrain.



PEAK FACT

Pikes Peak State is regularly ranked among the top two-year colleges by Military Times and recognized as a Military Friendly® School.



“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

Support, Belonging AND COMMUNITY

At Pikes Peak State, we know that no two students take the same path to college. Whether you're the first in your family to attend college, returning to school later in life, or balancing your education with military service, you belong here.

We're committed to creating a community where every student feels supported, seen and valued. From dedicated resources to student clubs and events that reflect your journey, we're here to help you connect, grow and thrive wherever you're starting from.



PEAK FACT

In 2025, Pikes Peak State earned its designation as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), meaning that at least 25% of our student body is made up of students who identify as Hispanic or Latinx.

OUR STUDENTS

- 47% First Generation
- 32% Military Affiliated
- 25% Hispanic
- 8% African American
- 38% Adult Learners



Photo by student photographer Jahaziel Munoz

Convenience REDEFINED

Life doesn't pause for college, but at Pikes Peak State, it doesn't have to.

We know your schedule is packed, which is why we offer flexible options that work around your life. Take classes during the day, in the evening, or on weekends—in person, online or a mix of both.

NEED SUPPORT?

Our virtual services make it easy to connect with advisors, tutors and more, wherever you are.

Your goals are within reach, and we'll help you fit college into your real life.



PEAK FACT

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



HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: *Start College Now*

Why wait to start your college journey? At Pikes Peak State, you can earn college credit while you're still in high school, saving time and money through our Concurrent Enrollment program.

Take classes that count for both high school and college credit, and graduate ahead of the game. Many students leave high school with a semester—or even a full year—of college already done. Stick with us to finish your associate degree, then transfer or start your career with confidence and less debt.

Not sure what to study? With more than 94 programs to choose from, PPSC is the most affordable place in the state to explore your options.

- ▶ **Step 1**
Go to pikespeak.edu/hsp to check out your options.
- ▶ **Step 2**
Talk with your high school counselor to find the program that is the best fit for you.
- ▶ **Step 3**
With the help of your counselor, use the checklist on our website to get enrolled and embark on your unique path.

Our High School Programs team is here to help.
Email us at HSP@pikespeak.edu, call 719-502-3111,
or **Visit »** pikespeak.edu/hsp



PATHWAYS TO DISCOVERY

Find your trail. Forge your future.

At Pikes Peak State, finding your path isn't just about a class schedule. It's about discovering the direction that leads to a purpose-filled career. With more than 200 degrees and certificates to choose from, you have the freedom to explore at a cost that keeps your goals within reach.

Each of our campuses offers distinct areas of study, and many general education courses are available at every location. That means you can stay close to home while making steady progress toward your degree. We also offer classes at our Learning Centers on Fort Carson and Peterson Space Force Base, making education accessible wherever duty or life takes you.

Wherever you start, you'll have a team behind you. Faculty, tutors, and advisors are ready to help you stay on track. You do the climbing. We'll help you reach the summit.

Learn More » 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.



PEAK FACT

Did you know Pikes Peak State now offers a Bachelor of Business Administration? This means you can earn your entire degree without having to transfer!



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

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

Technical & Professional Studies



SOUTH | CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

Centennial: Hands-On Learning Starts Here. Centennial Campus is home to Technical and Professional Studies, a hub of career-focused programs built to launch you into Colorado's growing workforce.

Here, classrooms don't always look traditional. You might be learning under the hood of a car, behind a welding torch, or inside an HVAC system. These skilled trade programs give you real tools, real experience, and certificates that can get you job-ready fast.

If you're ready to roll up your sleeves and start building your future, this is where the climb begins.

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

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



PEAK FACT

Did you know Colorado Springs is one of Colorado's top cities for semiconductor manufacturing? Pikes Peak State partners with local industry leaders, giving students the chance to earn a Semiconductor Technology Certificate and step directly into in-demand jobs.



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.

At our Downtown Campus, it's all about broadening your horizons and finding your voice. Explore new cultures through world languages, make music, move to the rhythm in dance, or step into the spotlight in Studio West, our intimate black box theatre, dance studio, and art gallery.

Surrounded by energy and artistic expression, this is where your creative journey takes center stage.



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

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

“Working for PPSC’s student government and retail stores outside of PPSC helped me achieve my independence.”

ALICIA ESPARZA | MUSIC, AA WITH DESIGNATION | CLASS OF 2025

Science, Engineering & Math



NORTH | RAMPART RANGE CAMPUS

With breathtaking views of Pikes Peak that inspire discovery, our northern Rampart Range Campus is home to the **Science, Engineering and Math pathway**—a modern space filled with natural light, cutting-edge labs, and an open atrium perfect for studying, snacking or relaxing between classes.

This pathway goes far beyond numbers and formulas. Dive into fields like veterinary assisting, engineering, astronomy and health and wellness. Majors like Geology and Geography take learning outdoors, where nature becomes your classroom.

At Rampart Range, the view isn't the only thing that expands your perspective.

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

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

**Housed at Centennial Campus.*



PEAK FACT

Did you know Pikes Peak State launched six new engineering degrees, designed primarily for students planning to transfer to UCCS, CSU-Pueblo, CU-Boulder, CSU-Fort Collins, and the Colorado School of Mines?



Health Sciences



NORTH | CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE EDUCATION & SIMULATION

Just north of the Rampart Range Campus, you'll train in high-tech simulated environments that mirror real hospital settings including surgical rooms, clinics, and even a working ambulance. These realistic simulations are so advanced that you can earn some of your clinical hours right on site.

With sophisticated medical mannequins and hands-on practice in high-pressure scenarios, you'll build confidence and skills without the high stakes.

If you're called to care for others, the Health Sciences pathway offers a powerful start. From nursing and phlebotomy to surgical tech and beyond, you'll be prepared to step into the field with purpose.



PEAK FACT

Did you know the newest addition to Pikes Peak State's campuses, the Delta Dental Oral Health Care Career Center, was completed in 2024? With the newest cutting-edge technology, Pikes Peak State's Dental programs serve over 200 patients per week through our low-cost, community clinics.



"It's never too late for education; no matter how long it takes you, get it done."

GLORIA NELMS | MEDICAL CODING & BILLING SPECIALIST CERTIFICATE CLASS OF 2025



PEAK FACT

PPSC's ADN program ranks among the top five in the country year after year.

Discover what you can study in the Health Sciences Pathway:

- Advanced Paramedic Practitioner
- Allied Health
- American Heart Association Training Center
- Behavioral Health**
- Dental Assisting*
- Dental Hygiene*
- Emergency Medical Services
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Office Technology
- Medical Professionals
- Nursing Assistant
- Nursing (Associates & Bachelors)
- Paramedicine
- Phlebotomy
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Practical Nursing***
- Radiology Technology
- Sterile Processing
- Surgical Technology

**Housed at Rampart Range Campus.*

***Housed at Downtown Campus.*

****Housed at Centennial Campus.*

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 six Bachelor's degrees.

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.

Behavioral Health

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Behavioral Health offers two emphasis areas: addiction recovery and mental health and wellness. With stackable certificates and real-world training, students can enter the workforce quickly while continuing their degree, making a difference in a high-demand field.

Business Administration

The Bachelor of Applied Science in Business Administration prepares students for leadership roles in today's fast-changing economy. With a focus on management, finance, marketing, and entrepreneurship, the program combines real-world experience, internships, and industry partnerships to help students lead with confidence.

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.

Emergency Service Administration

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

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.



Photo by student photographer Jaharlie Munoz

BRIDGE to Bachelor's

Your Direct Path to a Four-Year Degree

Want to start at Pikes Peak State and finish with a bachelor's degree? The Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program makes it simple and affordable.

Here's how it works: If you're a first-time college student and complete an Associate of Arts (AA) or Associate of Science (AS) degree at PPSC, you're guaranteed admission to one of our participating partner universities. That means you'll spend your first two years with us, then transfer directly into your junior year at a four-year school, saving you time, money, and stress.

Our transfer partners include top institutions like UCCS, CSU Pueblo, CSU Fort Collins, MSU Denver, and many more across Colorado and beyond. Plus, you'll get personalized advising to make sure every credit counts.

Start strong at Pikes Peak State and then keep climbing toward your bachelor's.

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/transfer.



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!

Gain an Edge in the JOB MARKET

With a degree from Pikes Peak State, you will build the skills employers need and make connections that open doors. Our faculty, staff, and students are part of a strong regional network that can help launch your career.

You will be sure to stand out in the job market with more opportunities, better qualifications and the potential to earn a higher salary than others entering the workforce.

Your future isn't just possible, it's within reach. Reach for the peak!



PEAK FACT

38% 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



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 & 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.
- **Basic Needs Assistance** through our Single Stop Program, that ranked #1 Single Stop program in the state in 2024!
- **English as a Second Language (ESL)** classes for English language learners.

We're here to keep you steadily making progress.

Real Students, REAL SUCCESS

At PPSC, every student's story is unique. From overcoming obstacles to reaching lifelong goals, our students prove that success is always possible.

Luca Chaves Mendes

COMMUNICATION MAJOR, CLASS OF 2024

I knew I wanted to attend college, so when my family moved to Colorado, I started looking for an affordable school that could help me get started. That's when I found PPSC. While working toward my Communication degree, I also worked on campus, which became one of the most meaningful parts of my experience. The department that I worked for was awesome at helping me grow personally and professionally while also earning a wage.

I graduated in December 2024 and was able to transfer my credits to UCCS where I'm currently working on my Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication. PPSC gave me the start that I needed!



Cynthia Beuttel

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS,
CLASS OF 2025**

I was in 11th grade when I got pregnant and dropped out of high school. Raising my son alone, I never imagined college

was possible, until a friend encouraged me to try nursing. Life took me on a winding path: I married an Airman, moved countless times with his assignments, adopted another son, and supported my boys through high school and college.

I had to start classes over many times, but when my youngest enrolled at PPSC, I decided it was my turn. Going back wasn't easy! So much had changed since I was last in school, but I graduated in May 2025, finally achieving one of my biggest dreams after 50 years of trying!



Hazel Fears

**CULINARY ARTS MAJOR,
CLASS OF 2027**

After high school, I spent a few years working before deciding to return to school for something I truly loved. My mom was

studying Culinary Arts at PPSC and would bring home amazing food from class, always talking about how much fun she was having. I wanted that experience too.

At first, it was hard getting back into the school lifestyle of homework and assignments. But my time here has changed me as a person, making me more confident in everything I do. So far I have my Associate of General Studies degree, and soon I'll have two of the three culinary arts degrees I have planned. I hope to one day own a small bakery or food truck. My advice? Don't be afraid to ask for help!



Launch YOUR CAREER

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

CHART YOUR CAREER PATH WITH CONFIDENCE

Meet one-on-one with a Career Advisor, online or in person, to discover your strengths, interests, and goals. Together, we'll help you identify the career path that fits you. From resume writing and interview prep to landing a part-time job on campus, our workshops (both virtual and in-person) will get you career-ready fast.

Looking to connect with employers? Our regular job fairs bring local industry partners right to you, actively hiring and eager to meet PPSC students.

Learn More » pikespeak.edu/career-services



Campus Resources

Academic Advising: Advising@pikespeak.edu | **Mental Health Counseling:** 719-502-4782
Career Services: 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:

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