



# PIKES PEAK STATE COLLEGE

2023-2024 VIEWBOOK

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



# WELCOME *to Pikes Peak State College*

Pikes Peak State College, formerly Pikes Peak Community College, remains the most affordable place in the region to enhance your life. Whether that means building a rewarding career or retooling for advancement in your current job track, Pikes Peak State College can help you get there.

Not sure what you want to study? Forget about that nonsense of having to decide everything about your life in the next minute. Meet with our advisors in person or online. They will guide you through different possible pathways and different possible futures to explore.

Pikes Peak State offers more than 200 certificates and degrees, some of them no-cost, thanks to Career Advance Colorado. Most are two-year degrees and certificates, though some of our fast-track certificates are much shorter. We offer several four-year bachelor degrees.

Looking to transfer to a four-year college or university? Our Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program makes that process as seamless as ever.

Whichever path you choose, you won't have to go it alone. Tutors, counselors, instructors, accessibility service experts, and academic advisors are here to support you on your journey. Many of our services are virtual or in-person.

*At Pikes Peak,  
we'll help you find your fit.*





## What is PIKES PEAK STATE About?

*We're all about helping you succeed. We do that with:*

### **Quality Education**

Our instructors are experts in their fields and many of them are currently working in their industries. But more than that, they care about you as a person. Your success is their success.

### **Affordable Tuition**

Tuition for full-time students starts at about \$5,000 a year (much less for part-time students). Most colleges and universities cost more than twice that. When you factor in the availability of financial aid, scholarships and even some no-cost programs, your chances of graduating debt free are so much higher.

### **PEAK FACT**

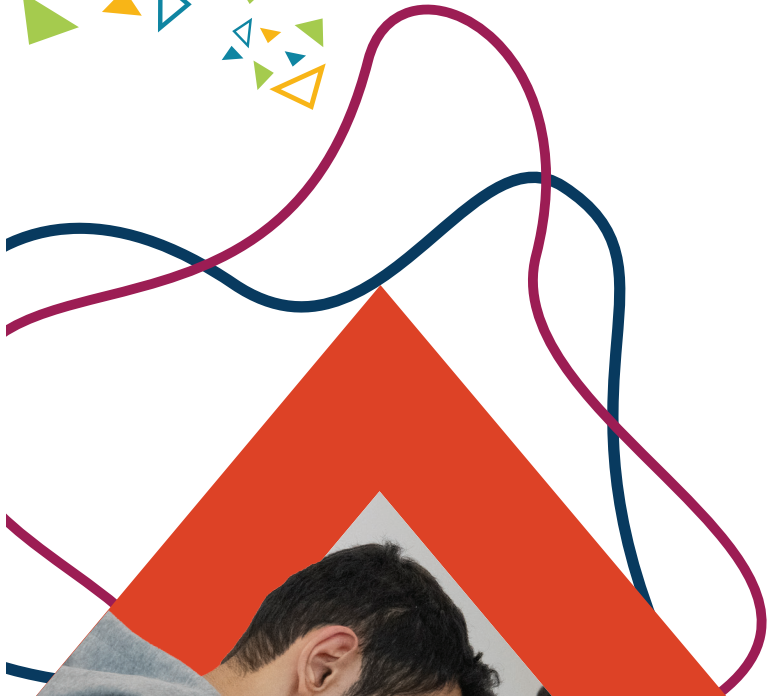
*The Pikes Peak State mascot is Arnie the Aardvark. Did you know one of the aardvark's closest relatives is the elephant?*

### **Guaranteed Transfer**

Pikes Peak offers transferable credits to UCCS, CSU, CU and all regionally accredited four-year colleges and universities. Bridge to Bachelor's is guaranteed with a dozen participating colleges and universities, making it easier than ever to transfer. In fact, CSU-Pueblo has partnered with PPSC to have offices and classrooms on our Centennial Campus, so you could finish your associate degree and seamlessly transfer to CSU while remaining on campus.

### **Supportive and Inclusive Community**

At Pikes Peak State College, we strive to create an inclusive and supportive environment for all students. Our campuses are enriched by a wide range of cultures, backgrounds, and experiences. We understand that learning to work with others from diverse backgrounds is of utmost importance, which is why our spaces and extracurricular activities are designed to foster collaboration and mutual respect. Here at Pikes Peak State College, we are proud to be a community that celebrates diversity and upholds the values of inclusivity.



# College You CAN AFFORD

Pikes Peak costs a fraction of most four-year colleges and universities. Most students who apply for aid get assistance, and we award over \$1.2 million in scholarships annually, keeping your out-of-pocket costs even lower. Types of aid include grants, scholarships, student jobs, loans, and military benefits. Our dedicated team is available to help walk you through the financial aid process and make a plan to pay for college.

*Learn More >>*  
[pikespeak.edu/aid-types](https://pikespeak.edu/aid-types)



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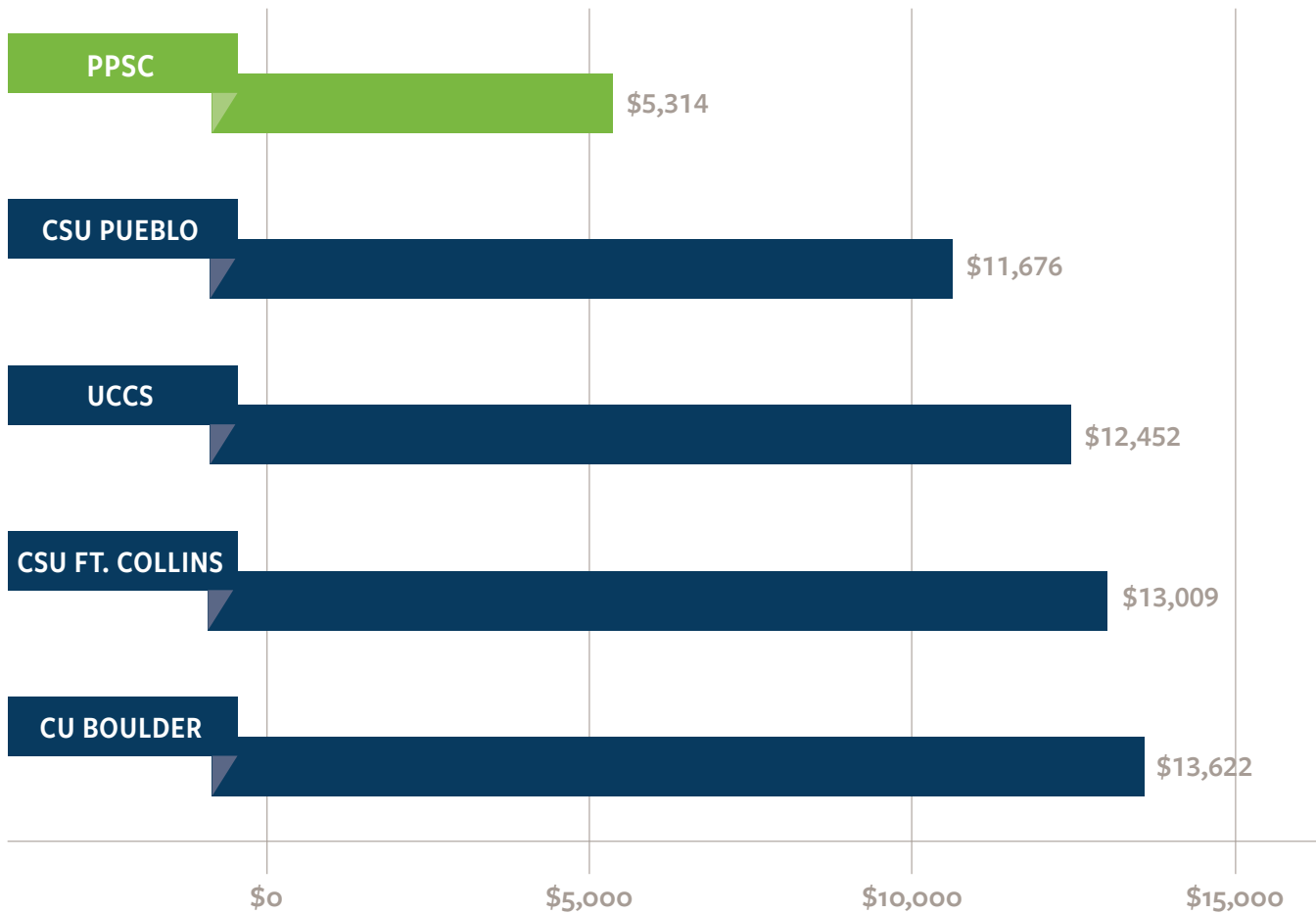
*We work with many organizations who offer tuition assistance to their employees including Amazon, local law enforcement and first responder agencies, and other employer programs.*



## Tuition & Fees

At Pikes Peak, you get a quality education for a fraction of the cost—saving an average of \$10,000 if you are planning to transfer to another college or university. The graph below is a comparison of in-state tuition for two semesters at 15 credits per semester.

*These figures are based on tuition and fees as of July 2023 (30 credits at resident rates, with COF) and can vary depending on program of study.*



# A True COLLEGE EXPERIENCE

Building community and feeling like you belong matters at Pikes Peak State. You'll find a number of ways to get involved, make lasting relationships, and have fun throughout your educational journey.

## Beyond the Classroom

- Student government
- Drop-in recreation
- Club sports (*volleyball, basketball, pickleball, and more*)
- Weekly special events
- Clubs & organizations
- Affinity groups (*Cyber Club, Phi Theta Kappa, and more*)
- Service learning



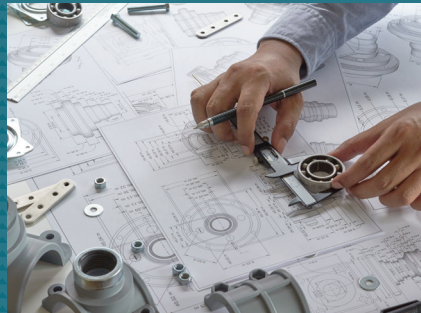
Learn More »  
[pikespeak.edu/student-life](https://pikespeak.edu/student-life)

## WHAT'S NEW? PIKES PEAK STATE RECENTLY ADDED:



### YOGA TEACHER TRAINING

Become a certified Yoga instructor. You'll develop the skills and knowledge in the practice of yoga to teach people how to become more, balanced, flexible, and strong. You will also learn technique, anatomy, ethical cross-cultural communication skills, and determine modification needs for a diverse population.



### MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

Apply the principles of science and mathematics to develop commercial applications to meet the needs of society. Getting your Associate of Engineering Science degree at Pikes Peak State ensures a smooth transfer to continue your bachelor's.



### DIETETICS

Learn the science of how food and nutrition affect human health. This Associate of Science degree will prepare you to educate people on making proper dietary choices to promote overall health and well-being.



### PEAK FACT

The college's bi-monthly *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)



Photo by Pikes Peak State student Sondra Glovan



# Our Mission is YOUR MISSION

Pikes Peak State College’s connection to service men and women and their families runs deep. The Centennial Campus is located next door to Fort Carson. We are proud that our classrooms serve more military-affiliated students than any other college or university in Colorado. Pikes Peak State has a dedicated support service for all military-affiliated students with expertise in using benefits, academic planning, and more.

Our Military and Veterans Programs (MVP) team is ready to empower our active duty, veteran, and dependent students. Our advisors bring a profound expertise to walking students through the benefits process as well as connecting them with rewarding careers. That is why PPSC consistently ranks as a top school for two-year schools in the Military Times Best for Vets: Colleges list and on the MilitaryFriendly® Schools list.



### PEAK FACT

Our classrooms serve the largest veteran population in Colorado. Nearly 5,000 military affiliated students attend the college annually.

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



“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* AT PIKES PEAK STATE

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.



## PEAK FACT

*Pikes Peak State College has received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine for the last four years.*



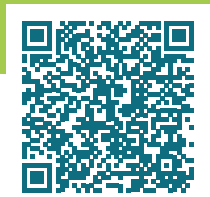


### OUR STUDENTS

- 47% First Generation
- 30% Military Affiliated
- 23.8% Hispanic
- 7% African American

### AWARDS

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



### PEAK FACT



PPSC has built-in resources for Spanish-speaking students and families. Learn more about English as a Second Language, resources for undocumented students, paying for college, and more at [pikespeak.edu/espanol](https://pikespeak.edu/espanol)

PPSC tiene recursos incorporados para estudiantes y familias de habla hispana. Obtén más información sobre inglés como segunda lengua, recursos para estudiantes indocumentados, cómo pagar la universidad, y más en [pikespeak.edu/espanol](https://pikespeak.edu/espanol)

We provide opportunities for faculty, staff, and students to encounter, explore, and understand a broad range of ideas and cultures. We do this with employee hiring practices, diversity trainings, and with many student groups and events like these:

- Global Roundtables
- Celebrations of Black History, Women’s History, Hispanic Heritage, Pacific Island Culture, and more
- Latino Alliance
- Student Veterans Organization



## *Convenience* REDEFINED

### *Life can be complicated.*

Reach your goals on your time. Choose the learning pace that is right for you, whether that means taking one class at a time or filling your schedule. We offer flexibility with traditional, online, hybrid, or hyflex formats. Our support services are available at each campus and many are available virtually, giving you increased flexibility to get the support you need both inside and outside the classroom.



“You come with a dream of a better life, and we get to be a part of that. There’s no better feeling.”

**DR. LANCE BOLTON | PIKES PEAK STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT**



### **PEAK FACT**

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

# PATHWAYS

## *Finding your way.*

At PPSC, this means more than getting a map of our campuses. It means finding where you want to go in a deeper sense by finding the areas of study and the career that will lead you to a more fulfilling life. With more than 200 degrees and certificates, you are bound to find something that matches your interests and career goals.

Each of our campuses highlights a pathway, or area of study. Since many general education classes are offered at each location, you can earn most of your degree at one campus. You can also take general education classes in our Learning Centers at Fort Carson Army Post and Peterson Space Force Base.

Regardless of where and what you choose to study at Pikes Peak State College, you will find a dedicated team of faculty, tutors, and advisors devoted to one thing: helping you find your path. You put in the work, and they will help you get where you want to go.

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

## PEAK FACT



High school students can take free college classes, and even earn a certificate or associate degree, before they graduate. Concurrent college education may be offered in your high school or on our campuses. **Learn More » [pikespeak.edu/hsp](https://pikespeak.edu/hsp)**



# Business, Technology and Public Service

## SOUTH | CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

At Centennial, our largest campus, you can choose to study **Business, Technology and Public Service** with programs in accounting, hospitality, law enforcement, and more. Some will prepare you for transfer to a four-year college or university. Other programs, like culinary arts or computer networking, allow you to attain certificates and two-year degrees which can lead to good-paying jobs right after graduation, if not before.



### PEAK FACT

Students have free and unlimited access to the Centennial Campus Fitness Center. There's a gym, workout equipment, personal training, monthly challenges, special events and more. [pikespeak.edu/fitness-center](https://pikespeak.edu/fitness-center)





## *Business, Technology and Public Service*

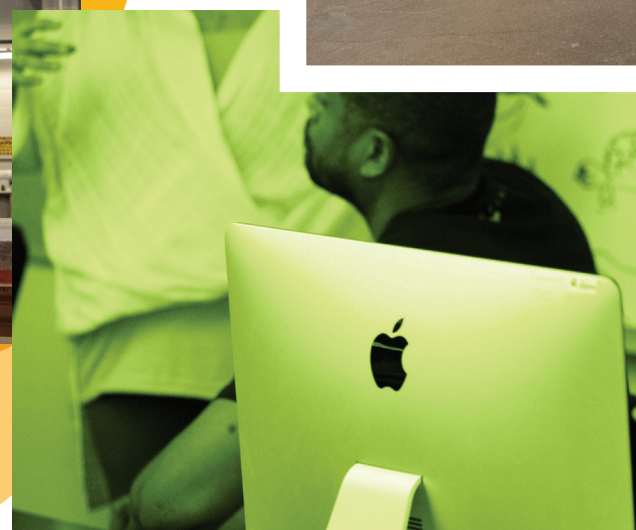
- Accounting
- Business
- Business Technology
- Computer Information Systems
- Computer Networking
- Computer Science
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Early Childhood Education
- Economics
- Education
- Emergency Management and Planning
- Emergency Services Administration
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance
- Fire Science Technology
- Fire Science Wildland
- Hospitality
- Pikes Peak Regional Law Enforcement Academy
- Management
- Marketing
- Paralegal
- Public Security Management
- Social Work
- Women and Gender Studies

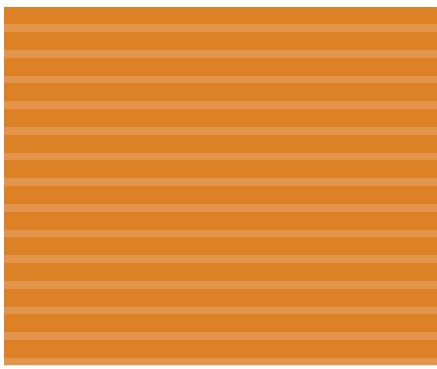


# Technical and Professional Studies

## 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, you might find an air conditioning duct or welding torch in front of you, or you might be holding a 3D printed model you just designed. In these skilled trade programs, you can earn certificates that will get you into the job market super fast.





## *Technical and Professional Studies*

- American Sign Language/Interpreter Preparation
- Architectural Engineer/Construction Management
- Automotive Service Technology
- Broadcasting and Electronic Media
- Building and Construction Technology
- Computer Aided Drafting
- Diesel Power Mechanics
- Electronics/Electricity Industrial/Robotics
- Engineering Graphics Technology
- Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
- Industrial Mechatronics
- Interior Design
- Machining Technology
- Metrology
- Multimedia Graphic Design
- Welding



# Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

## CENTRAL | DOWNTOWN CAMPUS

At PPSC's Downtown Campus you will find the college's Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences pathway. Recently updated with a modern new Learning Commons, Creative Commons, and Studio West with its performance and gallery spaces, this campus will ignite your senses with possibilities. You may hear music groups tuning their strings or see theatre and dance students rehearsing.

The Downtown Campus is all about expanding your world. You can learn world languages, or delve into subjects such as sociology, history, psychology, and communication. Here with artistic expression all around you, the stage is set for your creative future.

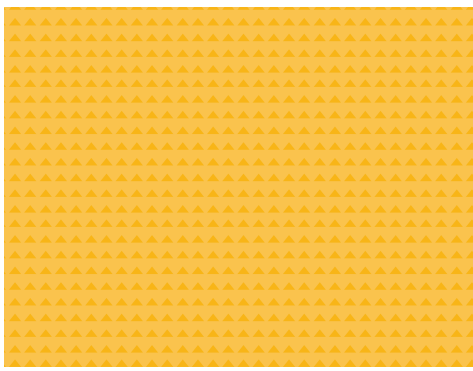


“I like the community here at PPSC. It’s very welcoming.”

ELIJAH MALONE, PHOTOGRAPHY MAJOR  
SPECIALIZING IN FINE ART







## *Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences*

- Anthropology
- Art
- Communication
- Dance
- English
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- French
- German
- History
- Humanities
- Japanese
- Journalism
- Literature
- Music
- Philosophy
- Photography
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theatre

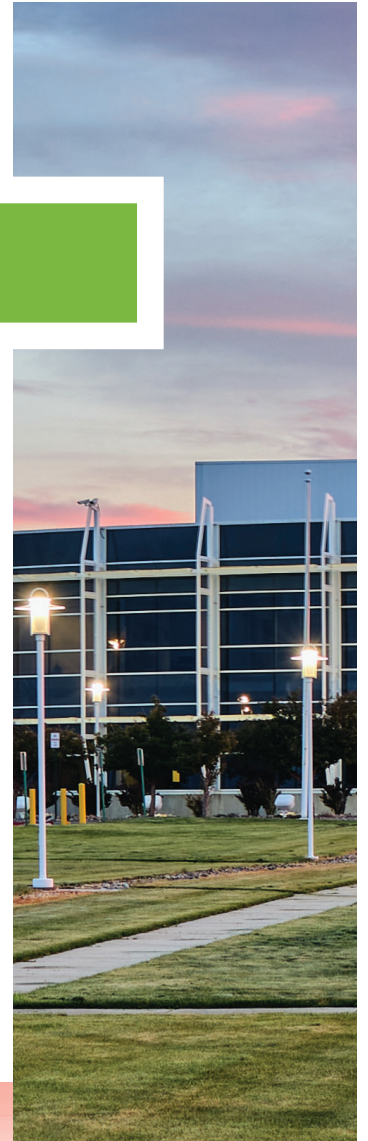


# Science, Engineering and Math

## NORTH | RAMPART CAMPUS

With beautiful views of Pikes Peak, you will find our northern Rampart Range Campus, home to the Science, Engineering and Math pathway. It is a modern campus, boasting fully-equipped labs and a huge sunlit atrium where you can study, eat lunch, or just hang out.

The Science, Engineering and Math pathway not only involves calculations and chemistry, but also veterinary tech, agriculture, astronomy, and health & wellness. If you take outdoor leadership, geology, or geography, don't be surprised if your class meets far from campus, where Colorado's natural landscape provides its own classrooms.



### PEAK FACT

Rampart's one-mile walking path that circles the campus is a great way to enjoy the outdoors between classes.



## *Science, Engineering and Math*

- Astronomy
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Dietary Management
- Engineering
- Environmental Science
- Geography
- Geology
- Health and Wellness
- Math
- Meteorology
- Natural Resources
- Outdoor Leadership
- Physical Education
- Physics
- Recreation
- Science
- Veterinary Technology
- Zoo Keeping Technology

# Health Sciences

## NORTH | CENTER FOR HEALTHCARE EDUCATION & SIMULATION

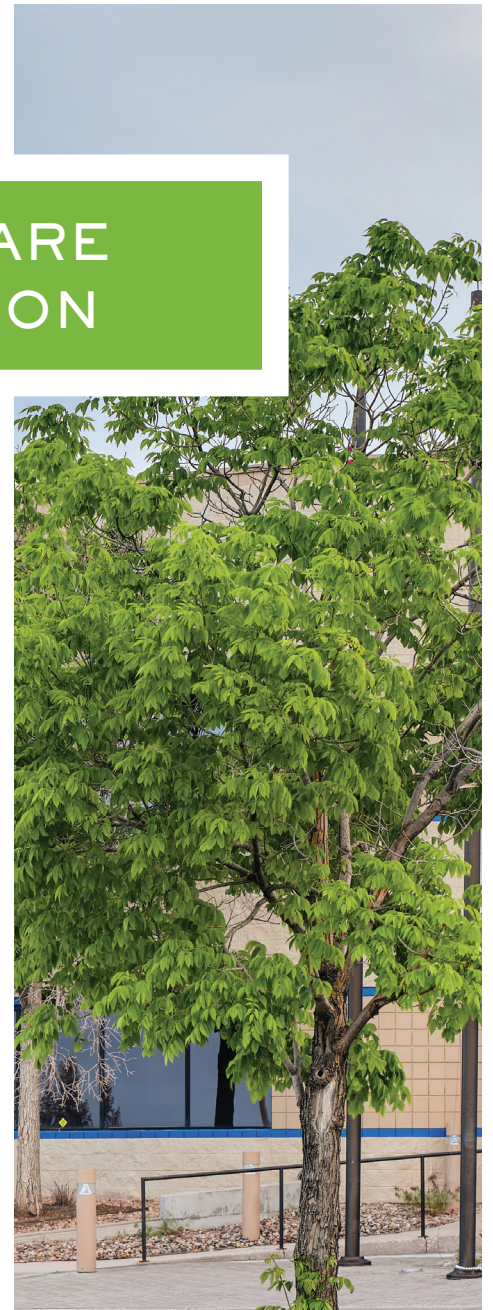
At the Center for Healthcare Education & Simulation, just north of the Rampart Campus, you will learn in simulated hospital rooms, clinics, and ambulances and work with our sophisticated medical mannequins. They match clinical settings so well that you can earn some of your required clinical hours right at Pikes Peak State. You will experience high-pressure, high-intensity “emergencies” without risking lives.

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



### PEAK FACT

*Pikes Peak State nursing students have 100% NCLEX-RN exam pass rates.*



“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**



## *Health Sciences*

- American Heart Association Training Center
- Associate Degree in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Dental Assisting
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health Professional
- Medical Assistant
- Medical Office Technology
- Nursing Assistant
- Pharmacy Technician
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiology Technology
- Surgical Technology





# So Many PATHS

## NOW OFFERING BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Our programs are carefully developed with local industries to ensure we are preparing you for the demands of the booming job market.

*Pikes Peak State now offers three 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.



### 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 it easier.*

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



# 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 the Bridge to Bachelor's Degree Program.

You can complete your freshman and sophomore years at Pikes Peak State, then finish your junior and senior years at UCCS or any other participating college or university, saving tons of money. The transfer process is seamless. Through Bridge to Bachelor's, you are guaranteed admission to a participating four-year college or university if you complete an Associate of Arts or Associate of Science degree at Pikes Peak State. This includes our newest transfer agreements with two historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBSUs).



*For a list of the 14 colleges and universities participating and how to join this free program, go to [pikespeak.edu/bridge-bachelors](https://pikespeak.edu/bridge-bachelors)*



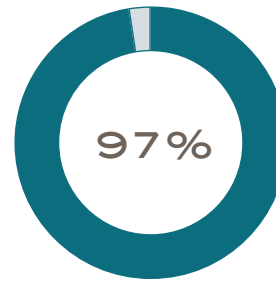
# *Gain an Edge in the* JOB MARKET

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

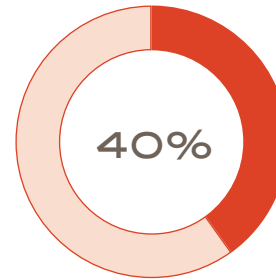
- Gain the skills you need for the career you want.
- Be taught by leaders in the industry.
- Build relationships with faculty, staff and students who can connect you to the regional workforce.

All this will make you more competitive in the job market. That means qualifying for more available jobs and at a higher rate of pay. And with guaranteed transfer to several four-year schools, many graduates continue their education.

*The choice is yours.*



**Most recent Career & Technical Education (CTE) Graduate job placement rates**  
(based on AY 21/22 graduates)



**Percentage of graduates that transferred to a 4-year institution**  
(based on AY 20/21 or AY 21/22 graduates)

## *Signature Workforce* READY PROGRAMS



### **NURSING**

Pikes Peak State's Nursing program is among the top rated programs in the country.

### **WELDING**

Graduates can earn up to \$68,500 a year.

### **CYBERSECURITY**

Pikes Peak is designated by the NSA as a Center for Academic Excellence.

### **HEATING, AIR CONDITIONING AND REFRIGERATION**

High-demand career with 100% job placement.

### **EMERGENCY SERVICE ADMINISTRATION**

Fast growing career field, with a projected 21% job growth in Colorado by 2028.



### **PEAK FACT**

*Thousands of jobs in advanced manufacturing go unfilled in Colorado every year. Pikes Peak State graduates in these fields have consistently high job placement rates.*



# Career Advance COLORADO

This state funded program provides no-cost credentials for aspiring professionals in several in-demand fields. This will help Colorado rebuild its understaffed workforce while providing an affordable pathway to well-paid careers while funding is available.

**Career Advance Colorado will benefit Pikes Peak students enrolled in these programs:**

- Early Childhood Education
- Fire Science
- Pikes Peak Regional Law Enforcement Academy
- Building and Construction Technology
- Other in-demand programs



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



**CAREER  
ADVANCE**  
COLORADO

# Where Are They NOW?

Our alumni are doing phenomenal things...



## *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.





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“I was paying for college myself and needed to work. I knew I needed a really affordable option that gave me a good foundation to go on to UCCS. The guaranteed transfer was so helpful.”

SARA DEROSE | PIKES PEAK STATE ALUM  
CO-OWNER, FIXER CREATIVE

# Make It HAPPEN



**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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