

Enrolling in the ECCA

Eligibility

The academy is open to any junior or senior in Parkland College District 505. There will be an early enrollment period for those students who attend an EFE #330 high school (school list below and online at parkland.edu/ecca).

How to Apply

Ask your high school guidance counselor for the ECCA application materials, complete them, and return the materials to your counselor for mailing to the ECCA. You may also need to fill out Parkland College's online application and/or may be required to complete assessment tests for certain programs. For more details on the application process, visit parkland.edu/ecca, call the EFE #330/ECCA office at 217/355-1382, or stop by Parkland College Room A113.

EFE #330 School Districts:

Bement CUSD #5

Champaign CUSD #4

Fisher CUSD #1

Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley

CUSD #5

Heritage CUSD #8

Mahomet-Seymour CUSD #3

Tuscola CUSD #301

Monticello CUSD #25

Paxton-Buckley-Loda CUSD #10

Rantoul Township High School #193

St. Joseph-Ogden CUSD #305

Tolono CUSD #7

Urbana CUSD #116

Villa Grove CUSD #302

High school juniors and seniors earn dual credits that count toward a high school diploma and college through the Early College and Career Academy.

Visit our website at parkland.edu/ecca for more information.



Earn Career Skills and Certificates While in High School

High school juniors and seniors: earn dual credits that count toward your high school diploma and college, all while gaining skills in eight different Parkland College certificate and degree programs:

Automotive Technology

Collision Repair

Computer Networking

Computer Programming

Criminal Justice

Certified Nursing Assistant

Emergency Medical Services

(Health Professions or Fire Science Focus)

*Industrial Technology: Machining,
Welding, and Design*

You'll take your ECCA courses at Parkland College, where you can earn between 10–14 college credits per school year. Several ECCA programs also let you earn licenses, industry-recognized certifications, and/or Parkland certificates.

About the ECCA

The Early College and Career Academy (ECCA) is a joint effort of Education for Employment System #330 (a K–12 Career and Technical Education cooperative), and Parkland College. The academy operates out of EFE #330's office at Parkland, Room A113.

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Education for Employment
System #330

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ECCA Programs

Automotive Technology

Gain the skills needed to inspect, maintain, and repair automobiles and light trucks with internal combustion engines. Successfully completing five Academy classes over two years earns the Parkland College Maintenance and Light Repair Certificate. ECCA automotive students often compete in the Hot Rodders of Tomorrow Engine Challenge.

Collision Repair

Learn the basics in collision repair, including cost estimating and measurement systems, straightening unibody systems, and restoring corrosion protection. The class covers safety principles and practices within a collision repair shop setting. Lab (shop) work will reinforce classroom material. Students will have the option to participate in two years of collision repair coursework.

Computer Networking

Grasp an understanding of personal computer maintenance and gain basic skills in operating systems, software, networking, programming, and logic. Study Linux user commands, local area networks, wide area networks, and the internet. Successfully complete Computer Networking as a junior to secure a guaranteed spot in Computer Programming as a senior.

Computer Programming

This introduction to logic and fundamental programming uses a common computer language and emphasizes syntax and structure. Learn programming skills for creating websites, HTML and CSS codes, common design patterns, and web frameworks. Successfully complete both Computer Networking and Computer Programming to earn the Parkland College Computer Foundations Certificate.

Criminal Justice

Criminal justice procedures and agencies have developed over time, as have the philosophy and constitutional aspects behind them. Survey these changes, juvenile delinquency, and US correctional system to discover important aspects of criminal law. Hands-on instruction includes techniques to process crime scenes and analyze physical evidence to help solve cases.

Certified Nurse Assistant (CNA)

Under the direct supervision of a licensed nurse, learn how to care for patients in a long-term care facility, hospital, or assisted living facility, or in the home. Successfully complete the four Academy courses to prepare for the Illinois Nurse Assistants Certification exam.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Health Professions Focus

Emergency Medical Technician training prepares students to provide pre-hospital assessment and care for those with medical conditions and traumatic injuries. Successfully complete the four Academy courses to prepare for the Illinois EMT-Basic license exam.



Emergency Medical Services (EMS): Fire Science Focus

Emergency Medical Technician training prepares students to provide pre-hospital assessment and care for those with medical conditions and traumatic injuries. Successfully complete the four Academy courses to prepare for the Illinois EMT-Basic license exam. This EMS option also includes an Introduction to Fire Service course during the fall semester, with activities and hands-on demonstrations about careers in the Fire Service profession.

Industrial Technology: Machining, Welding, And Design

Learn AutoCAD software, basic machining processes and machine tool equipment, and computer numeric control (CNC) and CNC programming, all in our state-of-the-art Parkhill Applied Technology Center. Courses also include instruction in welding, hydraulics/pneumatics, mechanical assembly, and computer-aided machine design.