

SEE
WHAT'S
NEXT
AT CSC



> A PARENT'S GUIDE



Welcome to the next step of parenthood! Just when you thought you had successfully seen your son or daughter through the formative years, you realize you need to be thinking about what's next. CSC wants to help. There are so many options: more opportunities, more choices, more majors—the list goes on. The whole process can seem a bit overwhelming.

But it doesn't have to be. This information is for you—the parents—to help you navigate the college process. And it starts with CSC. We'll guide you through it, just like we'll guide your student to success over the next two years.



Carl Sandburg
College

What is CSC?

Carl Sandburg College is a two-year, community college whose mission is to provide accessible, affordable, quality education in a caring environment by keeping the learner's needs at the center of decision making and by working in partnership with communities in the College district. CSC's main campus is located in Galesburg, Illinois, with a Branch Campus location in Carthage, Illinois, and an Extension Center in Bushnell, Illinois.

- **Average enrollment: 3,347 students** (Spring, 2010).
- **Wide variety of associate degrees for transfer, as well as more than 40 degrees and certificates in occupational fields while learning in a high-tech environment.**
- **Small class size. The average class size is 17** (ICCB Performance Measure FY09).
- **More affordable than traditional college. The average tuition charge for one year, full-time (average of 14 hrs./semester) is \$3,766*, compared to \$18,413 at Illinois State University and \$39,075 at Knox College.**

* Based on Fall 2008 tuition rates (subject to change)



➤ FAST FACT:

CSC supports student success in diverse ways, from the traditional (counseling, financial aid, employment resources and registration) to the non-traditional (on-campus child care, fitness center, free tutoring, study skills workshops, student leadership conferences and supplemental instruction).

➤ **FAST FACT:**

Graduating high school seniors with a GPA of 3.0 or above may apply for \$1,500 Academic Scholarships from the CSC Foundation.



Can we afford it?

Tuition costs have skyrocketed over the years. The price tag to send your child to college may seem out of this world. But it doesn't have to be. More and more students are reaping the benefits – financially, academically, and socially – of starting their college career at a community college.

- Tuition at CSC is half the price of a public university such as Illinois State, and a quarter of the price of a private institution such as Knox College. *(Source: ISAC College Zone)*
- Full-Time Advantage program locks in your tuition rate for three years.*
- Dual-credit courses are available to high school students NOW. With dual-enrollment classes, teens earn high school and college credits at the same time.
- Many families mistakenly think they don't qualify for financial aid and prevent themselves from receiving it by failing to apply. In addition, there are a few sources of aid such as Unsubsidized Stafford and PLUS loans that are available regardless of need.

***The CSC Full-Time Advantage Program guarantees that your student's tuition won't increase and the courses they need to take will not be cancelled – for three years or as long as your student is enrolled full-time.**

What about extracurriculars?

All work and no play isn't necessarily what prospective employers want to see. In fact, many companies rate leadership extracurricular activities on as important a scale as GPA. Encourage outside activities to help round out your child as well as give them an active outlet.

CSC Athletics:

- Baseball
- Men's Basketball
- Men's Cross Country
- Men's Golf
- Men's Soccer
- Softball
- Women's Basketball
- Women's Cross Country
- Women's Golf
- Women's Soccer
- Volleyball

CSC Clubs and Organizations:

- ADN First Year
- ADN Second Year
- Art Club
- Child Care Club
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice Club
- Dental Hygiene 1st & 2nd
- Drama Club (Delta Psi Omega)
- Education Club (Phi Delta Theta)
- Gale Scholars
- Gaming Club
- Mortuary Science Club
- PLUR (Peace, Love Understanding & Respect)
- P N Club-Carthage
- PN Evening – Galesburg
- Practical Nurses Club
- Phi Theta Kappa
- Psychology
- Radiology Club
- Science and Environmental Awareness (SEAC)
- Student Government (SGA)
- Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

➤ **FAST FACT:**

CSC's team name is the Chargers. The College is a member of the NJCAA and competes in the Arrowhead Conference.

➤ **FAST FACT:**
96% of employers in the CSC district hired a CSC student during the past 10 years— 16% more than the state average for hiring community college students.*

What else do I need to know?

Sending your student to CSC is setting them up to succeed. We build on the foundation you have given them and guide them toward their career goals – one step at a time.

- Most classes within the CSC curriculum will transfer to a four-year institution.
- Counselors welcome new students and assist them with academic, transfer and career planning. Students may discuss personal concerns and receive appropriate referrals and/or resources.
- The Academic Support Services Center provides students with web accessibility, one-on-one tutoring, open tutoring in the Math and Writing Labs and assistive services and accommodations for students with documented disabilities.
- On average, students who attend a two-year college have a .2 higher GPA than those who attend a four-year university.*

*The Economic Impact of Illinois Community Colleges, Northern Illinois University Center for Governmental Studies

Take a team approach.

Your son or daughter may have known what they wanted to be from an early age. Or they may not have a clue. You can't make the ultimate decision for them, but you can help them by discussing the current job market, salary ranges, long-range opportunities and skill sets required. By attending CSC, your child has the opportunity to explore what he or she really wants to be, without the added pressures of declaring a major in their first or second year.



What about campus tours?

If you're feeling overwhelmed by brochures, confused by choices and uncertain about the ins and outs of choosing a college, the best way to sort it all out is to come for a visit. Campus tours are available Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call (309) 341-5230 today to set up a time to visit CSC.

- Schedule your visit for a weekday when classes are in session.
- Meet with a campus representative for a tour.
- Allow ample time to roam the campus, talk with students and visit the facilities.

➤ **FAST FACT:**
Students looking for convenience and flexibility will find it with more than 84 credit and non-credit online classes interactive distance learning classes and many other methods currently available.

Associate Degree Programs for Transfer:

- **Associate in Arts**
(Communications, Humanities/Fine Arts, Social Sciences, Science/Mathematics)
- **Associate in Arts in Teaching**
(Emphasis in Secondary Math)
- **Associate in Arts in Teaching**
(Emphasis in Special Education)
- **Associate in Science**
- **Associate in Science**
(Emphasis in Agriculture)
- **Associate in Engineering Science**
- **Associate in Fine Arts**
(Emphasis in Art)
- **Associate in Fine Arts**
(Emphasis in Music Performance)
- **Associate in Fine Arts**
(Emphasis in Music Education)



Programs By Career Cluster:

Career	Degree/Certificate
• Agriculture, Food, & Natural Resources Swine Management	Certificate
• Arts, A/V Technology, & Communications Graphic Design Professional Graphic Design Specialist	AAS Certificate
• Business, Management, & Administration Accounting	AAS & Certificate
Administrative Office Professional Administrative Office Assistant Administrative Office Professional Legal Office Assistant Medical Administrative Specialist	Certificate AAS Certificate Certificate Certificate
Business Administration Small Business Management	AAS Certificate
• Education & Training Child Care/Paraprofessional Educator	Certificate
• Finance Accounting	AAS & Certificate
• Health Science Administrative Office Professional Medical Administrative Specialist Dental Hygiene Medical Assisting Mortuary Science Optional Accelerated Program Nursing Associate Degree Nursing (R.N.) Practical Nursing (L.P.N.)	Certificate AAS Certificate AAS Certificate AAS Certificate

Career	Degree/Certificate
• Health Science Radiologic Sciences Computed Tomography (CT) Advanced Diagnostic Cardiac Sonography Advanced Diagnostic Medical Sonography Advanced Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) Advanced Nuclear Medicine Technology Advanced Radiologic Technology Surgical Technology Therapeutic Massage	Certificate Certificate Certificate Certificate Certificate AAS AAS Certificate
• Human Services Child Care/Paraprofessional Educator Cosmetology Cosmetology Teacher Criminal Justice Human Services Assistant Mortuary Science Optional Accelerated Program Nail Technology Private Security Therapeutic Massage	Certificate Certificate Certificate AAS & Certificate Certificate AAS Certificate Certificate Certificate
• Information Technology Basic Network Security Cisco Network Associate Cisco Network Professional Computer Information Systems Specialist Computer Networking Specialist	Certificate Certificate Certificate AAS AAS

Career	Degree/Certificate
• Manufacturing Industrial Welding Technology Welding	AAS Certificate
• Marketing, Sales & Service Business Administration	AAS
• Public Safety, Corrections & Security Criminal Justice Private Security	AAS & Certificate Certificate
• Transportation, Distribution & Logistics Automotive Technology (Auto Mechanics)	Certificate

Other Opportunities:

- Online Learning
- GED/English as a Second Language
- Specialty Programs
- Basic Nurse Assistant Training and EMT-Basic

For more details, visit our website at www.sandburg.edu/academics

How can we learn more?

For more information about Carl Sandburg College, visit our website at www.sandburg.edu. Comprehensive and easy to navigate, it includes details about:

- Associate Degree programs for University Studies and other career education and technical options
- Admission checklist and tuition costs
- Financial aid and scholarship information
- Student life, including a list of clubs and organizations, activities and a calendar of events
- Athletic opportunities
- A list of frequently asked questions

Or call **(309) 344-5327** to schedule a tour for you and your child.

We hope to see you... at CSC.



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➤ FAST FACT:

Community colleges serve almost half of the undergraduate students in the United States, providing open access to postsecondary education, preparing students for transfer to four year institutions and providing workforce development and skills training.

(Source: American Association of Community Colleges)



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