Summer and International Enrichment Programs

Pre-College Success Programs

Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS)

The Academy for Collegiate Excellence and Student Success (ACCESS) is a “bridge to college” program that provides intensive preparation and support for students who want to be successful in college. ACCESS has three key strategies: intensive academic enhancement, effective advisement coupled with centralized support services and a structured, academically-focused residential environment. The curriculum for the “academic boot camp” concentrates on learning strategies which address the skill areas of Problem Solving and Critical Thinking. The students attend daily classes in Composition, Critical Thinking, Math, Reading, Problem Solving and nightly study halls and specialized workshops. ACCESS students participate in leadership training, social/personal development activities and cultural enrichment experiences. These activities broaden students’ horizons and require them to utilize the critical thinking and problem solving skills they are developing in the classroom. Since 2006 ACCESS has included service learning in its pedagogy. The students participate in common reading/writing assignments that center around social problems in America today and perform services related to these areas. Student reflection is a critical piece. ACCESS promotes the concept that “A good college affirms that service to others is a central part of education.” (The Carnegie Foundation) ACCESS students continue to surpass the average retention and graduation rates of their peers at PVAMU.

Participants must be residents of the state of Texas and recent high school graduates or GEDs. Participation is competitive. Students must complete an entrance survey and participate in an interview process.

Application Deadline: April 30, but students are accepted beginning in December.

Cost: $300.00; a small number of fee waivers are available.

Contact:
ACCESS
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University College
Prairie View, Texas 77446
Office: (936) 261-5900
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College Level Success Programs

Architectural Concepts Institute (ACI)

The ACI program is designed for academically well-prepared entering and transfer students. It is structured to accelerate their entry into the study of architecture by completing some of the freshman courses during the summer prior to their regular admission in the fall. Each student may complete up to twelve semester hours of architecture courses in the design sequence during a very intensive ten-week summer session. These sessions will allow each student to test his or her capabilities and interests in architecture while earning credit toward the Bachelor of Science in Architecture degree. Upon successful completion of these courses, coupled with careful selection and scheduling of other courses, the student may complete the five year professional architecture program early.

Admission to the program requires application to the university and receipt of either an honors admission or regular admission. Space is limited. Prospective participants should contact the School of Architecture during fall or spring semester of their senior year in high school to request additional information and materials.

Contact:
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The Roy G. Perry College of Engineering Enhancement Institute (CE2I)

The Roy G. Perry College of Engineering Enhancement Institute (CE2I) is an innovative and intensive summer bridge-to-college program designed to prepare students for the rigors of an Engineering, Computer Science, or Technology Curriculum and to aid with the transition between high school and college. The Institute is a five-week residential program, where participants will complete coursework in Math, Science, Technology, and Professional Development Activities. The Institute is math intensive. A math assessment test will be administered initially to determine the appropriate math placement. The program goal is to achieve a mastery of one math level higher than the student placed when he/she entered the program. The
program will also introduce students to basic concepts in chemistry, physics, and computing. Students will experience professional development activities including field trips to area engineering and technology industries; personal and professional development seminars and workshops (i.e. time management, study skills, learning style inventories, effective use of study groups and seven (7) habits of successful people).

Exceptional opportunities for summer internships and scholarships result from the CE2I experience.

Cost: $250.00; non-refundable.

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Education Abroad

In recognition of the importance of preparing students to succeed in a global society, Prairie View A&M University offers students the opportunity to participate in education abroad. The requirements are as follows:

• Attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 (undergraduate students)
• Attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 (graduate students)
• Completion of 30 semester credit hours of college level work and completion of any developmental courses
• Be in good academic and conduct standing and remain in good standing
• Enroll in the University during the semester of application and the semester or summer term(s) that the student anticipates participating in education abroad.

Students are required to apply and must be approved to participate in education abroad. Additionally, students must obtain approval from their advisor, department or division head, and dean for external education abroad programs.

Specific program eligibility requirements vary. Some programs have additional requirements that may include a higher GPA, proficiency in a certain language, or other prerequisites.

Prairie View A&M University reserves the right to approve, disapprove, or retract approval of a student’s participation in education abroad.

Please see additional education abroad information at the following website link: https://www.pvamu.edu/internationalaffairs/educationabroad/. Contact the office of International Affairs at (936) 261-2147 or international@pvamu.edu for additional information.

Panther Pride Summer Bridge Program

Panther Pride is a five (5) week summer program designed especially for incoming Prairie View freshmen only who are interested in taking the necessary steps to jump-start their academic career. Program participants will have the opportunity to:

• complete six (6) hours of college level coursework.
• experience residence life by staying in University College.
• take part in academic and social enhancement workshops.
• network with faculty, staff, and administrators.

Qualified Panther Pride applicants are those who meet the following criteria:

• ACT score 16 or higher
• SAT score of 750 or higher
• High school GPA 2.5 or higher
• Favorable Teachers’ Evaluations

Because PVAMU is dedicated to the academic success of our students, the University will cover the cost of tuition, fees, housing, and meals associated with participating in the Panther Pride Program. Additionally, each participant will receive a $100 dollar book voucher to offset the cost of required textbooks. Program participants are responsible for paying the required University College housing deposit of $150 (required for the Fall semester) and the remaining cost for textbooks that is approximately $200.