Scholarship Deadlines Extended

Many scholarship deadlines have been extended. Go to https://my.parkland.edu (http://www.parkland.edu/parklandconnection). Once you login, select the Parkland Connection, then click on 'Parkland Scholarship Search.' The search engine will automatically select scholarships that you may be eligible to apply for. Print off the application(s) from a link in each scholarship description, if they are currently available. Read each scholarship description and application carefully! Each scholarship has its own specific eligibility and submission requirements. The search engine will be updated as needed throughout the year, so check regularly for newly available scholarship applications.

Questions? Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Veteran Services via email at finaid@parkland.edu, or by phone at (217) 351-2222.

Facebook

Have a Facebook page? Find us on Facebook by typing in “Parkland College Adult Re-entry Center” in the search box. Become our fan and stay updated with our events and information. Share the page with people you know that may be considering being a first time or returning adult student.

ATTENTION: Students on financial aid need to get new ID cards by 5/10/10 to use bookstore vouchers! Get a new ID FREE at Student Life in X-161.

Important Dates and Deadlines:

Spring 2010
April 29– Last day to withdraw with W grade from full-semester courses
May 6–Last day of classes
May 7–Study day (no classes)
May 10–14–Final exams
May 14–Commencement—Look for Billie and Myriah for a photo opportunity at the Student Services table after the ceremony.

If you are graduating from Parkland or one of our four-year partnership schools for Fall 2009 or Spring/Summer 2010, please let us know! We want to make sure you are included in a Commencement Celebration in June.

Summer 2010
May 31–Memorial Day (college closed)
July 5–Independence Day (college closed)
July 13–Deadline for summer graduation application

Summer 2010 Tuition Due Dates
If you enrolled between April 5–June 2 Tuition is due June 2
After June 2 At the time of enrollment

Refund Guidelines for Summer Courses
For all summer session courses, a 100 percent refund of tuition and fees will be made if a student officially drops without record by the end of the day following the first day of class.

Attention ODS Students
The Office of Disability Services (ODS) is changing the method by which instructors will be notified of students’ accommodation needs. Beginning SU 10, students who have registered with the ODS will be issued an ODS Identification Card from the Student Life office.

These new ID cards will look much the same as a typical Parkland photo ID but will also contain codes to indicate the academic adjustments/accommodations for which each student is eligible.

Continuing Parkland students with disabilities should call (217)353-2338 or stop by X-148 to obtain more information about getting an ODS Identification Card. This card may be used throughout your enrollment at Parkland.
1. Apply to Parkland at www.parkland.edu, click on Future Students and complete the online application form.

2. Have your high school/GED and any previous college official transcripts mailed to Parkland’s Admissions department (nothing hand carried is accepted as official).


4. Once your transcripts are here, make an appointment to take your assessments tests by calling 217-351-2432.

5. After you make your testing appointment, call 217-351-2462 to make an appointment for academic advising with Billie Mitchell or 217-351-2219 to make an appointment with Counseling & Advising.

Have you met with one of our advisors, but never applied?...it is not too late to get into Parkland’s spring 2010 courses!

Are you a Parkland or partnership college student that is graduating Fall 2009, Spring 2010, or Summer 2010?

If you are graduating from Parkland or one of our four-year partnership colleges this year, we would like to celebrate with you at our annual Commencement Celebration on Thursday, June 17.

Call or email Myriah for details at 217-351-2462 or mfillenwarth@parkland.edu. You must be graduating in Fall 2009, Spring or Summer 2010 to participate.

Our four-year partnership colleges are listed on the last page of this news blast.

Adult Re-entry Student Success Stories

http://www.parkland.edu/arc/success.htm

We are always looking for new stories to include on our website. If you have one you would like to submit, please email it to Billie at bmitchell@parkland.edu. Sharing your story helps others who are thinking of returning to school or helps motivate someone who is already a student.

It’s never too late to be who you might have been.

-George Eliot
Upcoming Parkland Activities

Visit these websites for Parkland activities for you and your family to attend. Some of these activities may be required as part of a course you are taking.

Parkland Athletics:
http://www.parkland.edu/athletics

William M. Staerkel Planetarium:
http://www2.parkland.edu/planetarium/
Parkland Theatre:
http://www2.parkland.edu/theatre/

Parkland Art Gallery:
http://www2.parkland.edu/gallery/

Other event information can be found on Parkland’s homepage:
www.parkland.edu

Note from the Business Department on summer course offerings...

Marketing 101 will be offered this summer. Totally online. Two sections. Early summer, 4 weeks, May to June. And full summer, 8 weeks, June to August.

Business 264 will be offered for the first time this summer! And this summer section is totally online. So, that is two firsts! First time online and first time offered in the summer!!!! Class will meet over 12 weeks from May 17 toAug 6th.

The marketing class takes about 100 hours to complete. So, in early summer, that is a commitment of about 20 hours per week. The full summer class takes about 10 hours per week.

The finance class takes about 120 hours to complete. Since it is offered over 12 weeks, that is a commitment of about 10 hours per week.

Writing Lab

The Writing Lab will close for the semester on Thursday, May 6 at 5:50 p.m.
The Parkland Online Writing Lab (POWL) will close on Thursday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m.

Career Center News

Just a reminder on the free services that Parkland’s Career Center offers to students and the community. Students are their first priority.

For more information, call the Career Center at 351-2536.

*Resume and cover letter writing assistance
*Preparation for Interviewing
*Assistance with electronic job search
*Online resume posting and advising
*Job postings/Employer database
*Career Counseling and assessment

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Get a new ID FREE at Student Life in X-161.
Parkland’s Adult Re-entry Center is perfect for adults who need a convenient way to begin or finish their college degree.

Did you know you could stay at Parkland and earn your associate’s, bachelor’s, and master’s degrees? Our partnership schools offer advanced degrees that can be completed at Parkland, either online or with courses taught on the Parkland campus.

The best way we can give you personal assistance and information is to make an appointment. Appointments are available weekdays, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 217/351-2462 or email us to schedule an appointment.

Interested in Health Professions?
Attend an application overview session on Tuesday, May 4, in Room L-141 at 5 p.m.:
Pick a date and join Rita Myles, phone 217-353-2681.

Friends? Yes!
Evening and weekend activities? Yes!
A very busy schedule? Yes!

Networking is a waste of my time? NO!!
Networking is essential to getting work done in today’s world. It is absolutely necessary in the job search process as well. It’s always a great way to learn current ideas and processes from other folks who are working in the career area you’d like to be working in. What’s in it for you to network? A little or a lot, depending upon how much time you put in. The ARC will provide you with networking opportunities, and you choose what works for you. Here’s this installment:

Champaign County Chamber of Commerce  www.ccchamber.org
Discover C-U  http://www.discovercu.com/
Women’s Business Council of Champaign County  www.wbbc.org

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