

PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY

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about our institution



Prairie View A&M University, at Prairie View, Texas, is a comprehensive public institution of higher education. Founded in 1876, PVAMU is the second oldest public institution of higher education in the state of Texas and one of the premier HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) in the Nation. Part of the Texas A&M University System, it is a land-grant university authorized under the Morrill Acts of 1862 and 1890. PVAMU joins the University of Texas at Austin and Texas A&M University as the state's only constitutionally designated "institutions of the first class." The main campus is situated on a 1440-acre site in Waller County, approximately 40 miles northwest of Houston. The College of Nursing branch is located in the Texas Medical Center in Houston. Recently, PVAMU opened the Northwest Houston Center, a fully functional extension of the main campus. Enrollment presently exceeds 8,700 students in which 76% are undergraduates. Approximately 70% of the students are between the ages of 18 and 24 while women account for 59% of total enrollment. US Black Engineer Magazine continues to rate PVAMU among the top five universities for undergraduate and graduate African-American engineers. PVAMU has the first College of Juvenile Justice in the world. PVAMU is also a major producer of doctors, dentists, nurses, educators and business leaders in Texas.

academic programs

The University offers a broad range of academic programs through seven colleges and two schools:

- College of Agriculture and Human Sciences
- College of Arts and Sciences
- College of Business
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- College of Juvenile Justice and Psychology
- College of Nursing
- School of Architecture

One additional school, the Graduate School, offers programs through the colleges listed previously. The nine colleges and schools have a total of 25 departments offering baccalaureate degrees in 50 academic majors and Master's degrees in 41 academic areas. Doctoral programs are offered in Electrical Engineering, Juvenile Justice, Clinical Adolescent Psychology and Educational Leadership. PVAMU is dedicated to fulfilling its mission of achieving excellence in education, research, and service.

career services

The Career Services Center provides a variety of programs assisting students and alumni seeking professional employment. Cooperative education and summer intern employment opportunities are also available for continuing students. The Center is responsible for career development services in all departments and divisions of the university, and cooperates with each department and college in informing students about career opportunities in a variety of fields. Services offered to students, alumni, and employers include:

- On-campus Recruitment
- Career Counseling/Coaching
- Career Resource Library
- Employment Referral Services
- Co-op/Intern Opportunities
- Resume Services
- Career/Job Search related seminars
- Career Festivals/Job Fairs