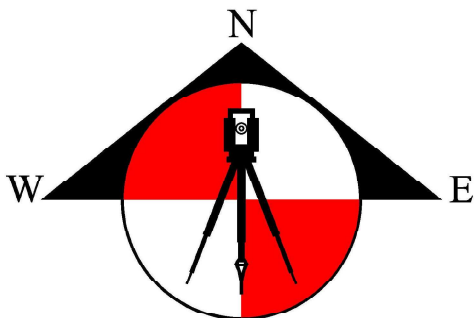




# Weekend Land Surveying Program

## ***Program Guide 2025-2027***



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National and local trends continue to show that there is a tremendous need for land surveyors; the profession is projected to grow faster than average. That is why we're so excited about the **Weekend Land Surveying Program** (WLSP) at **Parkland College**. This year, another class of nearly 20 students will complete our Land Surveying certificate! And we're getting ready for the next cohort to begin in the fall.

This program remains a popular option for land surveying education for people in Illinois and multiple other states. You can get the training and credits necessary to be a competent surveying technician or work to be a Professional land Surveyor.

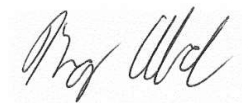
We will continue the courses that have been approved by Illinois as fulfilling the education requirements for licensure. And a few years ago, our newest *Land Development Design* course was accepted by Indiana as meeting part of their requirements as well! Furthermore, a graduate of our program who took all of Parkland's Land Surveying courses was recently approved to take the Indiana specific Professional Surveyor's exam. Therefore, you can come to Parkland one weekend per month and in 24 months you can earn 24 credit hours. Or even, **27 credits in 27 months!**

Each year, we start a new group of students in the 2-year WLSP course sequence. We offer options where most courses are primarily done online, at your own pace, with some on-campus work included as well as some fully online classes too. Admission to the program is based on three criteria: your date of application, satisfied course prerequisites, and on-time tuition payment.

If you miss the cut for 2025, then plan to join us in 2026; we'll maintain a waiting list as needed. In the meantime, work on your remaining courses to prepare for your Fundamentals of Surveying exam. We'll be happy to have you join us then.

Check out the Parkland College channel on [YouTube](#) and hear what our current students say about the Weekend Land Surveying Program. Whenever you have questions, we're ready with answers.

We hope you'll join us soon!



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# PARKLAND COLLEGE WEEKEND LAND SURVEYING PROGRAM

## Admissions and Registration Procedures

### apply to Parkland

- ✓ online at [parkland.edu/apply](https://parkland.edu/apply) as a Degree-Seeking student
- ✓ Choose *Certificate* as your educational intent and then *Land Surveying Weekend Program* as the program

### send official transcripts

to Parkland Admissions

- ✓ high school or GED required
- ✓ previous college if applicable
- ✓ college course work may exempt students from assessment testing

### apply for financial aid

- ✓ [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov) (school code 007118)
- ✓ valid for Fall 2023 to Summer 2024
- ✓ must re-apply October 1 for next school year

### obtain Career Agreement letter (if applicable)

- ✓ only applies to Illinois residents who do not live in Parkland District 505
- ✓ visit [parkland.edu/careeragreement](https://parkland.edu/careeragreement) for form and instructions

## PAUSE HERE!

*wait five business days for acceptance notification before proceeding*

### complete assessment testing

Contact Accessibility Services first if testing accommodations are needed at [accessibilityservices@parkland.edu](mailto:accessibilityservices@parkland.edu)

- ✓ ACT/SAT within three years or college transcripts may exempt you
- ✓ practice tests at [parkland.edu/assessment/resources](https://parkland.edu/assessment/resources)
- ✓ setup ALEKS math placement testing account at above link and take practice test
- ✓ proctored testing is offered at most college campuses. To arrange Parkland testing at another

### attend online orientation

session info and link to be sent after above steps are completed

### register and pay for classes

- ✓ registration instructions provided at online orientation
- ✓ deadlines can be found at [parkland.edu/academics/calendar.aspx](https://parkland.edu/academics/calendar.aspx)
- ✓ visit [parkland.edu/nelnet](https://parkland.edu/nelnet) for additional payment options



# PARKLAND COLLEGE WEEKEND LAND SURVEYING PROGRAM

## Cost Summary

**In-state costs (based on 2024-2025 tuition rate)**

**Out-of-district students, see FAQ #2 on page 6.**

	Course	hours	tuition	fees	books	course total	cumulative total	
Fall 2025	SRV 113	3	\$536	\$160	\$140	\$836	\$836	Fall 2025
	SRV 133	2	\$357	\$80	\$0	\$437	\$1,273	
Spring 2026	SRV 134	2	\$357	\$80	\$0	\$437	\$1,710	Spring 2026
	SRV 253	3	\$536	\$120	\$206	\$862	\$2,571	
Summer 2026	SRV 254	3	\$536	\$120	\$0	\$656	\$3,227	Summer 2026
Fall 2026	SRV 211	3	\$536	\$120	\$0	\$656	\$3,882	Fall 2026
Spring 2027	SRV 235	3	\$536	\$120	\$0	\$656	\$4,538	Spring 2027
Summer 2027	SRV 234	3	\$536	\$120	\$160	\$816	\$5,353	Summer 2027
	SRV 233	2	\$357	\$60	\$0	\$417	\$5,770	

**Out-of-state costs (based on 2024-2025 tuition rate)**

	Course	hours	tuition	fees	books	course total	cumulative total	
Fall 2025	SRV 113	3	\$1,658	\$160	\$140	\$1,958	\$1,958	Fall 2025
	SRV 133	2	\$1,106	\$80	\$0	\$1,186	\$3,144	
Spring 2026	SRV 134	2	\$1,106	\$80	\$0	\$1,186	\$4,329	Spring 2026
	SRV 253	3	\$1,658	\$120	\$206	\$1,984	\$6,314	
Summer 2026	SRV 254	3	\$1,658	\$120	\$0	\$1,778	\$8,092	Summer 2026
Fall 2026	SRV 211	3	\$1,658	\$120	\$0	\$1,778	\$9,870	Fall 2026
Spring 2027	SRV 235	3	\$1,658	\$120	\$0	\$1,778	\$11,648	Spring 2027
Summer 2027	SRV 234	3	\$1,658	\$120	\$160	\$1,938	\$13,587	Summer 2027
	SRV 233	2	\$1,106	\$60	\$0	\$1,166	\$14,752	

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# **Parkland College Weekend Land Surveying Program**

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **1. What is the cost?**

*The 2025-2026 in-district tuition rate is \$178.50 per credit hour. Each course has an additional course fee and a required textbook. The total cost of tuition, fees, and books for the 24 credit hours will be less than \$6,000 divided over six semesters.*

### **2. Is the tuition higher for out-of-district students in Illinois?**

*No, you'll pay the same rate. Parkland College belongs to the statewide Career Consortium, which allows Illinois students to attend out-of-district community colleges for in-district tuition in career-oriented programs not offered at their home college. A career agreement letter from the student's home district is needed to secure the Parkland College in-district tuition rate. Many community colleges require at least 30 days to process career agreements, so reach out to them early to avoid delays.*

### **3. What is the tuition rate for out-of-state students?**

*Students outside Illinois will be charged \$552.75 per credit hour making the total cost of the 24 credit hour program under \$15,000 for non-Illinois residents.*

### **4. I have already taken a few surveying courses. Will Parkland accept them?**

*Once you have submitted your Parkland application, the next step is to send us transcripts from high school and any colleges attended. We'll evaluate your earned credit and help you modify your course sequence.*

### **5. Must I have completed my bachelor's degree to take these courses?**

*No, these courses are open to anyone who has satisfied the math prerequisite.*

### **6. What is the math prerequisite for the surveying courses?**

*SRV 113 Basic Surveying requires completion of Parkland's MAT 060 Pre-Algebra or equivalent. Transfer credit may be accepted. All other surveying courses require completion of MAT 131 Applied Mathematics or higher. Please see the attached Admissions and Registration Procedures page for details on assessment testing.*

### **7. How will the online parts of the courses work?**

*Prerecorded lectures and study material will be available online. Most homework assignments and reading questions will be completed online. Most tests will be taken at home. Most specialty software will be made available through an online portal.*

### **8. How will the lab weekends work?**

*Each weekend lab will require attendance for 10 hours on Saturday and 5 hours on Sunday. There will be appropriate breaks during the labs, including a lunch break on Saturdays. You'll be outdoors for nearly the entire time each weekend, so dress appropriately. Labs will be completed in teams of two to three students, and all equipment will be provided.*

### **9. Who do I call if I have more detailed questions?**

*Kory Allred, Land Surveying Program Director, will be happy to help you. You can reach Kory at kallred@parkland.edu or 217/351-2401.*

# Testimonials

## WLSP at Parkland College

“I wanted to share a personal journey to encourage anyone considering going back to school: it's never too late. Over the past two years, I attended Parkland College weekend land surveying program to meet the surveying education requirements for the credit hours. in Champaign, Illinois. Kory Allred has been instrumental in my career development and pursuit of licensure. His support has been unwavering and invaluable.

Despite several personal challenges, I successfully passed my Fundamentals of Surveying Exam (S.I.T.) and Professional Land Surveying Exam (P.L.S.), thanks to the well-structured coursework and hands-on labs at Parkland College. The program provided an excellent foundation to build upon when studying. The labs are highly interactive and offer real-life experience, striking the perfect balance of challenge—whether working in a team or independently, you'll learn to problem-solve effectively and gain the skills needed to succeed. Balancing personal matters while pursuing my studies felt challenging at times, but the program's structure and flexibility made it possible. As a weekend land surveying program requiring physical attendance only one weekend a month, it is perfectly tailored for those with full-time jobs and family responsibilities.

I am incredibly grateful for the education and guidance I received from Parkland College and Kory Allred. The hands-on program, combined with Kory's invaluable mentorship, played a pivotal role in helping me reach this milestone. The program provides comprehensive learning experience, covering the history of surveying, practical application with both old and new technologies, and essential CAD skills.

To anyone facing obstacles: keep pushing forward. I am now on the path to achieving dual licensure as a licensed engineer and surveyor, and I am incredibly grateful for this journey. I **HIGHLY RECOMMEND** the Parkland Weekend Land Surveying Program.”

~Ramiz Dababneh

“As a person that had over 20 year of experience in land surveying, from a CAD draftsman to a project manager, when I entered the Weekend Land Surveying Program at Parkland College, I will state that it is an invaluable educational program for the aspiring professional land surveyor. Its hybrid format (online book work / on-site labs) is particularly well designed for those already in the workforce.

Personally, I came to the program with a very good understanding of “how” to land survey, but it taught me many of the “whys” of land surveying, to understand the reasons land surveyors are true professionals, and a greater depth of the history of land surveying.

The students in the lab classes have quite a diverse range of experience levels. This works out to be particularly beneficial for both the novice and veteran. The veteran stays engaged by helping to mentor the novice, all while honing skills that may not be frequently used. The novice gets to learn some of the “ins and outs” of the industry from experienced technicians while in fairly life like controlled environments.

Ultimately, Mr. Todd Horton and his excellent team of instructors, including Ben Fisher, Kyle Schultze, and Jim Harpole Jr., provided me with additional tools to become a more critically thinking technician and a clear path to future professional licensure.”

~Clayton J. Thurston

“As a current full-time student at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, I was worried that by pursuing my Certificate in Land Surveying, I would be taken away from my current priorities as a Civil Engineering student. However, I have been pleasantly surprised again and again by the amount of dedication that is behind this program! There are always plenty of resources to help better understand the material, as well as an outpour of support from each of the professors, and the program director, Todd Horton. By having the labs and classwork geared around the weekends, I can be fully devoted to all my other studies during the week and then be able to flow right into my Parkland studies nearing the end of the week.”

~Jadin Tanner



“The weekend land surveying program at Parkland College is a very efficient, flexible, affordable and skillful program led by instructors that are not only professionals, but care about surveying and the young men and woman that are pursuing it as a career. The classes are set up to where students can exceed regardless of age or experience. It doesn’t matter if you have been surveying your whole life or if it’s your first day, at Parkland you learn something valuable every time you step in a classroom. Anybody that is thinking about pursuing surveying as a career, should take the weekend land surveying program at Parkland College.”

~Nick Jehle

“The program has students that range from zero experience to students who survey every day at their job and are pursuing the weekend program to advance in the profession. This makes for a great learning environment at the once a month lab where “survey crews” are created and teams work through “real world” surveying exercises. Teams are created with a focus to pair the inexperienced with the experienced to maximize the learning experience.”

~Matt Fox, PE

“After years of thinking about going back to school to get my 24 semester hours in Land Surveying courses, I was finally able to make it happen without missing work with Parkland’s Weekend Land Surveying Program. Although I’ve always been somewhat skeptical of online learning, Parkland’s program has restored my faith. The online content is thorough, and the instructors’ availability and responsiveness is very good. I would recommend this course to anyone out there considering it.”

~Tim Cowan, PE

“DO NOT HESITATE to get enrolled in the weekend land surveying program at Parkland College. It is a wonderful opportunity to help boost your professional survey career in a major beneficial way. It always seems overwhelming at first to continue school, or even go back to school for that matter. However, this program is DESIGNED to help you reach your career goals while still being able to fulfill your duties as a full-time employee. The success of the program starts from the top with Program director Todd Horton. His leadership filters down to survey instructors Kyle Schultze, Ben Fisher, and Jim Harpole. All four of them are not only wonderful teachers but individuals as well. All four instructors understand we are full time working employees on top of taking this program. As long as you put effort into the program, they are always willing to help make everything a little less stressful to reach your goal.”

~Kyle Gajewki

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“As a current student at the University of Illinois, Parkland College’s Weekend Land Surveying Program provides a very practical, flexible curriculum that allows me to work around my current course load at U of I while setting me on course for a Land Surveying license. The monthly classes are helpful in gaining hands on assistance in each topic, as well as practical use of each topic in the field, something I rarely get at the University of Illinois. My favorite aspect of these classes has been giving me valuable hands on experience and tying together some of the knowledge I’ve learned at school in how it’s carried out in the field.”

~Jake Carlson

“Parkland College offers the WLSP (Weekend Land Surveying Program) which you only have class one weekend a month from one to two days. You still have plenty of school work to complete during the time you are not there but one does not have to worry about going to class during the week which is perfect if you have a full-time job. Once my employer found out that I was going back to school, he offered to pay for some of my schooling since it pertains to my professional development so that's a plus! Overall, I am happy that I chose Parkland, and it makes it even better to have knowledgeable instructors teaching you.”

~Justin Palmer



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