PARKLAND PATHWAY TO ILLINOIS POLICY
(subject to change)

Benefits
- After successful completion of the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program, participants will be guaranteed admission to the correlating University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign college.
- Participants will receive personalized academic counseling.
- Pathway students are eligible to be enrolled in up to five hours at Illinois, limited to what the Illinois representative determines appropriate, for fall and spring semesters. Enrollment in an Illinois course is dependent upon the student meeting all registration requirements and prerequisites. This course is charged at the student’s Parkland College tuition rate.
- Participants are granted access to certain events and student opportunities exclusive to the University of Illinois student body, including University housing, libraries, extracurricular activities, and recreational facilities. ¹

Eligibility
- Admission is competitive to ensure that students entering the program are the most likely to succeed.²
- Admission priority will be granted to students who are low income, first generation, from underrepresented ethnic groups and/or the Parkland College district.
- Participants who will be first-time college students at the time of application to the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program will be given preference for admission.
- Graduates of Illinois high schools are eligible to apply.
- Students who have received their GED from Illinois are eligible to apply.
- Current or former University of Illinois students are not eligible.
- Participants changing their major to another Parkland Pathway to Illinois major may continue in the program, contingent on approval from the Parkland Pathway to Illinois Review Committee.
- Participants changing their major to a non-participating Parkland Pathway to Illinois major will no longer be considered students in the program.
- Students can terminate their participation in the program at any time.
- Re-admission to the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program will not be permitted.
- Final decisions regarding admission, continuation, and standing in the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program rests with the Review Committee.

Requirements
All Parkland Pathway to Illinois students must meet these requirements in order to be in good standing with the Pathway program.
- Participants are required to be full-time students each fall and spring semester of each academic year at Parkland College to continue in the program.³

¹ Access to certain facilities, student activities, and/or services may require payment of student fees.
² Parkland Pathway to Illinois is but one way for students to plan their transfer program. Illinois will continue to welcome Parkland College students’ transfer applications to all colleges. Parkland will continue to support students’ efforts to transfer to Illinois and other institutions with a wide variety of resources.
³ Enrollment in a minimum of 12 credit hours, Parkland and Illinois hours combined, is required to maintain full-time status.
• Participants are required to meet with their Parkland advisor and the Illinois representative from their respective college on a regular basis; frequency will be determined by advisors.

• Participants must complete the same coursework as stated in the Transfer Handbook (see http://transferhandbook.illinois.edu) that is required of transfer applicants by major. Dropping or failing to pass required course(s) will jeopardize program standing.

• To remain in good academic standing, participants must maintain grade point averages as specified in the Parkland Pathway to Illinois Program Probation document as well as demonstrate adequate progress toward their degree.

• Engineering students only: Participants are required to attend tutoring services with the number of hours to be determined by their University of Illinois advisor.

• Participants must submit immunization information to McKinley Health Center to be able to attend classes at the University of Illinois.

• If financial assistance is needed, participants are required to fill out any appropriate forms and to work with the financial aid office at Parkland College.

• Students must pay any and all outstanding tuition and fees every semester to Parkland College and the University of Illinois.

• New students will be enrolled in FYE 101 at Parkland College their first fall semester. Special sections are held for Pathway students.

• Successful completion of the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program is marked by students that have completed all required courses with the required grade point average, met with their advisor as required and completed any other requirements deemed necessary by the Parkland Pathway to Illinois advising team.

Discontinuation

• After successful completion of the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program, students who wish to transition to Illinois as degree-seeking are required to complete and submit the degree-seeking transfer application along with all supporting materials within posted timeframes to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

• Submission of an application to Illinois for degree-seeking admission during the program will be a statement that the Pathway participant is also withdrawing from Pathway.

• Participants who wish to discontinue participation in the Parkland Pathway to Illinois program at any time must complete withdrawal paperwork with their advisor, the coordinator of transfer advising or with an admissions representative.

• Every semester, each student’s standing in the Pathway program will be evaluated by a review committee. Students who fail to meet any of the program requirements (see Requirements) or obtain the required grade point average (see the Parkland Pathway to Illinois Program Probation document) will be reviewed for continuation in the program. This review may result in any of the following:
  1. Students will enter probation status for one or more semesters, as deemed necessary by their college, or
  2. Students will be required to take certain action(s) as stipulated by their individual colleges (e.g. tutoring, counseling, intensive advising), or
  3. Students will be dropped from the Parkland Pathway to Illinois Program.
• Program benefits listed in this document will no longer be available to students who withdraw or are dropped from the program.
• Participants living in University Housing who leave or are dropped from the program will be required to move out of their residence.
• Discontinued students are eligible to apply for transfer to Illinois as traditional transfer students.