Pulse Summer Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Question: How much does it cost to participate in the Pulse Summer Program?

Answer: The college covers each participant’s summer tuition and fees, textbooks, housing, and meals (all on-campus meals will be provided).

Question: What is the minimum grade point average or SAT/ACT score required of students who are selected to participate in the Pulse Summer Program?

Answer: All participants must have a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale and TSI ready.

Question: When does Pulse begin and end?

Answer: The program will start Sunday, July 8th and end on Wednesday, August 9th.

Question: What classes will I take as a Pulse Summer Program Participant?

Answer: Freshman English Composition 1 and Crime in America.

Question: Will I be able to work on-campus or off-campus while I am participating in Pulse Summer Program?

Answer: You cannot work on-campus or off-campus during the week (Sunday-Friday) while participating in this program.

Question: I have a family reunion, family trip and/or doctor’s appointment scheduled while I am participating in Pulse program. Can I take off to attend?
Answer: No. The Pulse program is an accelerated academic summer program. Missing one day is equivalent to missing a week of school. All students must attend all scheduled classes. If you have upcoming appointments, please reschedule for a date when you are not participating in the Pulse Summer Program.

Question: Can my family and friends living in and around Prairie View visit me during the week or on the weekend?

Answer: No. In order to protect the safety of all program participants, we ask that you ask your family and friends not to visit during the week or on the weekend. You are, however, allowed to check out with an approved family member/friend for weekend leave.

Question: Can I go home on the weekend or am I required to stay?

Answer: You are allowed to travel home on the weekend if you choose to do so. Weekend activities are arranged for those who are not interested in traveling home on the weekend.

Question: Can I bring my cellphone with me while I am participating in Pulse Summer Program?

Answer: Yes, but there are rules that govern cellphone usage while you are participating in the Pulse Summer Program. You are not allowed to use your cellphone in class, during supervised study, during workshop presentations or when you are in the library. I am aware that some students study to music or use their cellphone to look for information while studying. Unfortunately, you will not be allowed to do this while participating in the Pulse Summer Program. If you violate the cellphone usage rules, you will have to mail your cellphone home at your expense.
Question: Does the Pulse Summer Program have a dress code for participants?

Answer: Yes. Short-shorts that expose the upper thigh, midriff tops, spandex dresses, tights without appropriate cover-ups, jeans that expose the skin and sagging pants are among the clothing items that are strictly prohibited.