



Hello Future Panther!

Congratulations on your acceptance into Prairie View A&M University! Since you are one of our first-time freshmen students, we invite you to participate in one of our *Virtual Summer Bridge Experience Programs*! These are online summer programs for highly motivated incoming freshman who want to jumpstart their college experience at Prairie View A&M University. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we will not be offering our traditional on-campus summer bridge programs, but we invite you to apply to participate in one of our Virtual Summer Bridge Programs!

The Virtual Summer Bridge Experience Program is a free program designed to allow Prairie View incoming freshmen students an opportunity to earn up to six semester credit hours towards their degree, as well as engage with peers, faculty, and staff. This six-week online experience kicks off with a one-week virtual introduction to the PVAMU online learning platform. Students will receive workshops and trainings to help prepare them for success in online classes. The *Virtual Summer Bridge Experience Program* will begin **June 28, 2021, and end on August 13, 2021**. Students must be available for classes between the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm, Monday-Thursday, and 10:00am-12:00pm on Fridays during the six-week program. Please note, limited spaces are available in each program.

## 2021 Virtual Summer Bridge Experience Programs:

- **Agriculture Summer Jump Start Program**
- **Business Scholars**
- **Begin Success in Nursing Program**
- **Engineering Enhancement Institute (CE21)**
- **Justice Studies Summer Program**
- **Humanities Summer Program**
- **Panther Pride Program**

## Minimum Program Qualifications Include:

- Acceptance into Prairie View A&M University for the Fall of 2021
- Must be a Texas Resident
- High school grade point average 2.80 or higher
  - \*\*For the following majors a 3.0 or higher is required and students must be College Ready in Math, Reading, and Writing (via ACT, SAT, or TSI Exam):
    - Engineering, & Nursing
- SAT 800 or higher
- ACT 16 or higher
- Must intend to enroll and graduate from Prairie View A&M University

The application deadline for the *Virtual Summer Bridge Experience Program* is **Thursday, April 1, 2021**. We will review all applications as received. Please allow 2-4 weeks after submitting the application to receive a response regarding acceptance into the program. Student applications received after the **April 1, 2021** deadline will be placed on a waitlist. Please note, limited spaces are available in each program.

If you are interested in **applying** to one of our *Virtual Summer Bridge Experience Programs*, please visit: [www.pvamu.edu/summerbridge](http://www.pvamu.edu/summerbridge)

If you have any questions or concerns, please email us at [summerbridge@pvamu.edu](mailto:summerbridge@pvamu.edu). For your convenience, we have provided frequently asked questions about the Prairie View A&M University Virtual Summer Bridge Experience Program on the next page.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### How long is the Summer Bridge program?

The summer bridge program is six-weeks. The program begins June 28, 2021 and will end on August 13, 2021.

### What are the technology requirements to take online courses?

You will need a computer, a high-speed Internet connection, a newer version of a web browser, and access to common tools and software like Microsoft Word, email, etc. Some courses may have other software or technology requirements as well.

### Do I have to pay for my courses?

No. You will receive a scholarship that will pay for your tuition and fees for up to six credit hours (two classes).

### Will I get credit for my online courses?

Yes. Online courses are comparable to on-campus courses and will appear on your PVAMU transcript in the exact same manner as an on-campus course. You will receive university credit for these courses if you receive passing grades.

### How long do I have to complete my courses?

The summer bridge program is a six-week program, so you will have to complete your courses during the six-weeks. Your courses will begin June 28, 2021 and will end on August 13, 2021.

### What do I do if I would like to drop or withdraw from my course(s) or the summer bridge program?

Please contact your faculty director right away if you need to withdraw from your courses. You must officially drop or withdraw from the courses in order to avoid receiving a grade of "F". The terms of your withdrawal depend on how long you have been enrolled in the courses. (i.e., if you drop the first day, there will be no penalty. If you withdraw on day two and beyond, you will receive two "W" grades. You can only receive six "W" grades for your entire 4-year degree program).

### Will I ever be required to come to campus during the summer bridge program?

No. The summer bridge program can be completed virtually from your home. Any questions you may have can be answered by our online support staff, your faculty director, or your professors. You can contact any department on campus by phone or email if you have questions.

### **Can I take more than two courses during the summer bridge program?**

No. summer bridge program students can only complete a maximum of two courses (six credits) during the summer bridge program. The program scholarship will only cover the tuition and fees for up to six credit hours.

### **Since this is an online program, can I get a summer job?**

Summer bridge program students must be available for courses during the hours of 9:00am-4:00pm Monday-Thursday and 10:00am-12:00pm on Fridays during the six-week program. If you choose to get a summer job, please do not work during these hours Monday-Friday during the program.

### **What classes will I take?**

Your faculty director will let you know what classes you will be taking based on your major. If you have taken dual-credit, you will need to indicate those courses on the application for the program.

### **Do I get to decide what classes I will take?**

No. The classes you will take are based on your degree program requirements. These courses have already been pre-selected for our summer bridge program students. If you have taken dual-credit, you will need to indicate those courses on the application for the program.

### **How do I contact my professors?**

Professors stay in touch with their students in a variety of ways, depending on the course design. Your professor will explain the best way to reach him or her within the course home pages. You may communicate with your professors through discussion groups, bulletin boards, chat rooms, assignment submissions, through email, or by telephone.

### **Are tutoring and library resources available to summer program students?**

Yes! PVAMU has online tutoring available 24/7 for students. The library services are also available to you online.

### **If I have technology issues during my classes, who do I contact?**

Any technology questions or issues can be answered/resolved by our online IT support staff, your faculty director, or your professors. Please report any technical difficulties immediately.

### **Who do I contact if I am having difficulty with my online courses?**

If you have any difficulties in your online courses, please contact your professor or your faculty director right away. They will help provide you with resources and assistance.