

Illinois Central College (ICC) is a public community college with its largest campus in East Peoria, Illinois. It is part of the Illinois Community College System and its district, **Illinois Community College District 514**, is a 2,322-square-mile (6,010 km²) area covering most of Peoria, Tazewell, and Woodford counties and parts of Bureau, Logan, Marshall, Livingston, McLean, Stark, and Mason counties.^[2]

External links

ICC offers 69 transferable Associate in Arts and Sciences programs, 84 Associate in Applied Science programs, and 104 occupational certificate programs. More than 3,300 classes are offered each semester, and the average class size is 14.^[2] It is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.^[2]

- ICC Peoria Campus (formerly ICC North) at 5407 North University, in Peoria
- ICC – Pekin
- ICC – East Peoria

A photograph of the exterior of the Illinois College building. The building is a multi-story structure with a brick base and upper levels featuring large, light-colored rectangular panels. The word "ILLINOIS" is prominently displayed in large, dark, serif capital letters on one of the upper panels. Below it, the word "COLLEGE" is visible in smaller letters. The building has several large windows with dark frames. The sky above is blue with scattered white clouds. In the bottom left corner, there is a small caption: "Property of Illinois Central College 2003".

Library and Administration Building at
the ICC East Peoria Campus

Motto	<i>Ancora Imparo</i> I am still learning.
Type	Public <u>community college</u>
Established	1967
<u>President</u>	Sheila Quirk-Bailey
<u>Provost</u>	William Tammone
Academic staff	664
Students	8,263 ^[1]
Location	<u>East Peoria, Illinois, U.S.</u> <u>40°42′28″N</u> <u>89°31′30″W</u>
<u>Colors</u>	Blue & gold
Sporting affiliations	<u>NJCAA</u> <u>Mid-West Athletic Conference</u>
Mascot	Cougar
Website	<u>www.icc.edu</u> (<u>http://www.icc.edu</u>)

The East Peoria Campus is home to the Performing Arts Center, the David R. Leitch Career and Counseling Center, the Lee Morgan School of Industrial Technology, the Caterpillar Dealer Service Technology Program, and the General Motors Automotive Service Educational program. Illinois Central College's web curriculum is recognized by as a WOW Professional Academy.^[3]

The former Downtown Campus was formally closed prior to the 2018–19 academic year.

Illinois Central College has libraries at fourteen locations: the Thomas K. Thomas Building in downtown Peoria; in Cedar Hall at the North Campus; and in the Edwards Library and Administration Building in East Peoria Illinois (located near the health center, Cafe Breve, and the commons). The library faculty at the East Peoria campus run an associate degree program for future library technical assistants. This program has an agreement with the University of Maine at Augusta that makes it possible to quickly complete both the two-year degree and an online baccalaureate degree for those wishing to get a senior posting or go on to graduate school. ICC has agreements with the OSF and Methodist Colleges of Nursing and with Illinois State University's Mennonite College of Nursing where students can earn an associate and then a bachelor's in nursing; it also has an LPN-RN program, an LPN program, a medical technician program, and a CNA program. ICC's culinary school at the North Campus has an Exemplary status accreditation with the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation's Accrediting Commission (ACFEFAC).^[4]

Student life

ICC has more than 40 official student clubs and organizations.^[5] Academic clubs include the CONNECT program for transfer students, and 4 honor societies: Sigma Kappa Delta, Lambda Beta, Phi Rho Pi, and Phi Theta Kappa.^{[6][7]}

The *Harbinger* is the student newspaper and is distributed six times per year at no charge. Newspaper work can be arranged as academic credit or as an extra-curricular activity. The *ICC ARTS Journal*, featuring student writing and artwork, is published annually.^[8]

Sports

ICC is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association and participates in intercollegiate NJCAA basketball (Division II), cross country (I), soccer (I), men's baseball (II), men's golf (II), women's fast-pitch softball (II), and women's volleyball (II).^{[9][10]} Intercollegiate participation is only open to full-time students with a 2.0 grade point average.^[9]

Intramural sports include basketball, bowling, flag football, tennis, and volleyball.^[11] In 2008, an intramural "card series" was established with spades, euchre, and Uno tournaments.^[12]

There is a disc golf course and a tennis court on campus, as well as the Lorene Ramsey Gymnasium and Fitness Center, which was drastically expanded from 2009 to 2011.

Championship teams

The six-time national champion women's basketball program is well known. Lorene Ramsey's 33 years coaching the team brought them 887 wins to 197 losses (.818), and five NJCAA Women's Basketball Championship titles in Division II: 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999, and 2003.^{[10][13]} After Ramsey's retirement, the team achieved a sixth championship win in 2006.^[10] Famous players from the

women's basketball team include Christelle N'Garsanet (2003), who was signed by the New York Liberty in the WNBA, and Cindy Ellis, who played for the Milwaukee Does in the Women's Professional Basketball League and was in the trials for the 1976 Olympic team.^[14]

The ICC softball team has also been national champions twice: 1982, and 1998 as NJCAA Division I.^[10]

In Fall 2009, the Illinois Central College Women's Volleyball team won the NJCAA Division II National Championship.^[15]

Notable alumni

- Trenesha Biggers: wrestler
- Mark Clark: civil rights activist who was assassinated in Chicago^[16]
- Kent Hovind: Christian fundamentalist apologist and tax protester
- Aaron Schock: Former United States Congressman^[17]
- Cindy Stein: women's basketball coach
- Jim Thome: Major League Baseball player^[18]
- Andrew Werner: Major League Baseball player

See also

- 90.7 WAZU — a Peoria radio station run with cooperation from ICC
- Lorene Ramsey

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