

# Palomar College Catalog 2009-2010

## Regional Occupational Program (ROP)

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Palomar College, under contract with the San Diego County Office of Education, offers vocational and technical training through the Regional Occupational Program.

Courses provided through ROP are available to college and high school students, out-of-school youths, and adults residing in San Diego County. Courses can be used for basic job skills, upgrading of existing skills, or changing occupations. Units earned may be used for high school or college credit. ROP courses taken for college credit may be applied toward Palomar College Certificates/Degrees. Contact the ROP Office for further information. (760) 744-1150, ext. 2293 Office: AA-136

## Noncredit Courses and Certificates

Noncredit education fulfills the mandate to California's Community Colleges to provide noncredit courses designed to meet the special needs and capabilities of those students who do not desire or need to obtain unit credit. These courses provide developmental, occupational and other general educational opportunities as may be deemed necessary to provide for the civic and liberal education of the citizens of the community. All classes are taught by qualified instructors. The program is offered by Occupational & Noncredit Programs within the Division of Career, Technical, and Extended Education Division.

The State has defined the following nine specific categories for funding: Parenting Education, Elementary and Secondary Basic Skills, English as a Second Language, Immigrant Education, Education Programs for Persons with Substantial Disabilities, Short-term Vocational Programs, Education for Older Adults, Education Programs for Home Economics, and Health and Safety Education.

To make the classes and programs more accessible, classes are offered throughout the district in community and senior centers, museums, parks, libraries, banks, churches, convalescent hospitals, as well as at the San Marcos campus, the Escondido Center, and six Palomar College education sites.

The classes may vary in length from four weeks to seventeen weeks. Although some classes are tailored for a specific student constituency, all classes are open to the public. No enrollment fees are charged for the noncredit classes. Students who take noncredit classes on the San Marcos campus or at the Escondido Center will be required to pay health fees and parking fees.

Noncredit certificates of completion are offered in Adult Basic Education and in English as a Second Language.