

Palomar College Parent Orientation



How is college different from high school?

Student is responsible for:

Course Selection

Registration

Self-Advocacy

Attendance

Tuition, Books and Assorted Fees

Be sure to keep the communication open with your student. Professors do not disclose information about your student's progress.

FERPA - Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

- ◆ Federal law
- ◆ Rights with respect to student records
- ◆ Rights transfer from parent to the student at age 18 OR when attending a school beyond high school - "Eligible Student"
- ◆ Parental rights for "dependent" students

Reality Sets In!

- ◆ The first 6 weeks are a time of transition.
- ◆ At first students think college “kind of” feels like high school until the reading and homework assignments start.
- ◆ *Strategies for parents: Help your students be realistic about their work and social schedules.*
- ◆ *Encourage them to seek advice from their professors, counselors, and tutors early in the semester.*

Educational Hierarchy

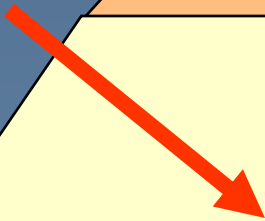
Generally speaking the more formal education -
the greater income potential

Ph.D

Masters

Bachelors of
Arts or Sciences

Palomar



Associate in Arts (AA)
Associate in Sciences (AS)
Certificate of Achievement
Certificate of Proficiency

Educational Options at Palomar College



- ◆ Personal or career enrichment
- ◆ Vocational certificate
- ◆ Associate of Arts Degree
- ◆ Transfer preparation to a 4-year school

How College Works

- ◆ Two Year Level – General Education (GE), major prep and possibly electives 60-70 units
- ◆ Four Year Level – upper division GE, upper division major work and possibly electives 60 units

Length of time depends upon major and university

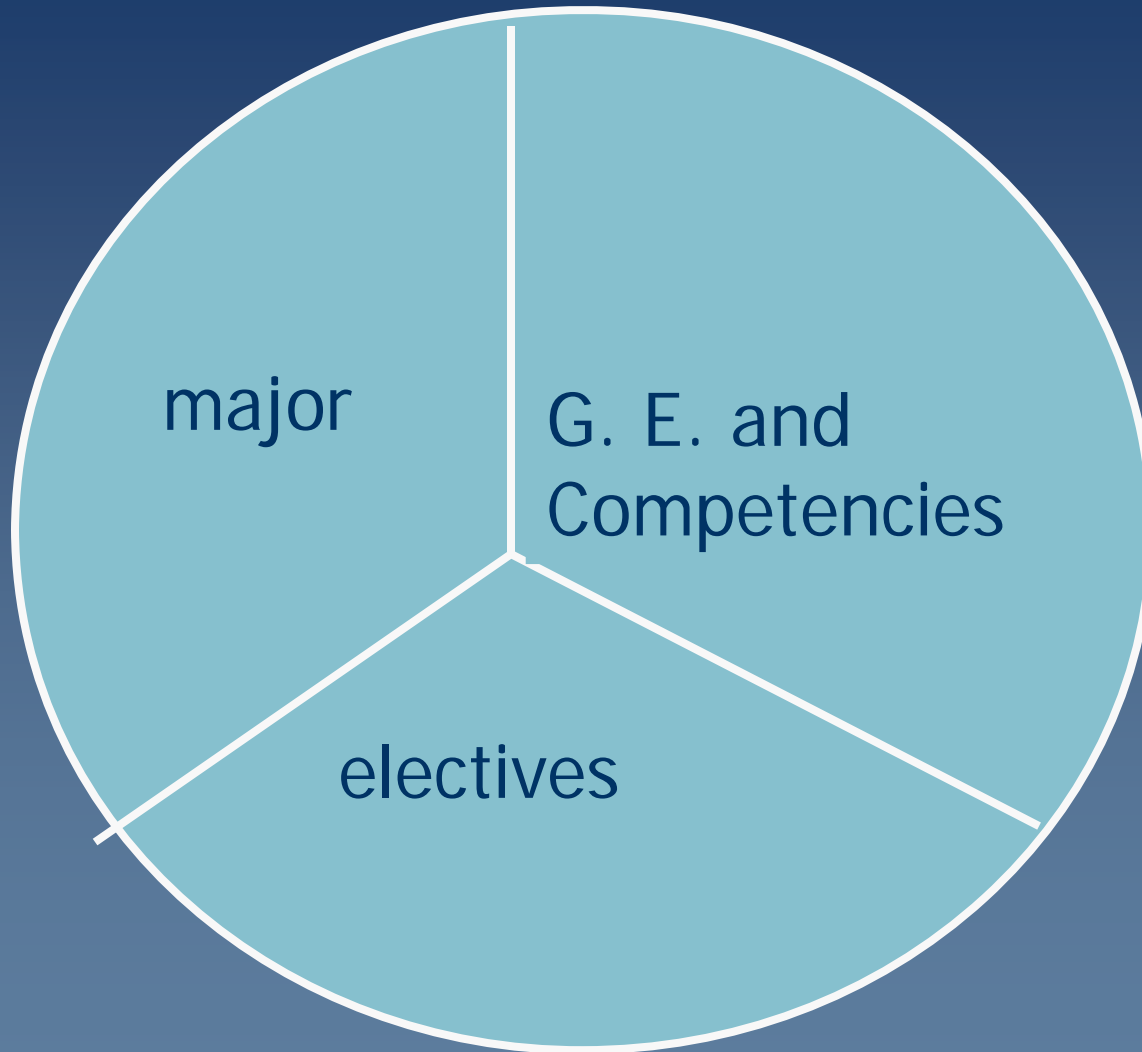


Vocational Certificates

- ◆ Hands-on vocational training
- ◆ Prepares students for immediate employment
- ◆ Requires less coursework than degree programs



Associate of Arts Degree



- ◆ Requires 60 degree applicable units
- ◆ Prepares students for immediate employment after graduation
- ◆ Requires 2.0 G.P.A.
- ◆ Yellow Sheet

TRANSFER POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ **23 California State Universities:**

San Marcos, San Diego, Los Angeles, Fresno, Chico, Sacramento, Dominguez Hills, Northridge, Long Beach, Monterey Bay, Channel Islands, Fullerton, Humboldt, Stanislaus, East Bay, San Jose, San Luis Obispo, San Francisco, Pomona, Sonoma, Mar Bakersfield, San Bernardino



Use the CSU GE Breadth pattern - Blue Sheet

- ◆ **10 University of California Universities:**

Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Merced, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Cruz, Santa Barbara, San Francisco

Use the IGETC – Green Sheet

- ◆ <http://www.assist.org>

Private and Out-of-State Schools

74 members of Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities (AICCU).

4 international universities

<http://www.aiccu.edu>

<http://collegesource.org>

Transfer Guarantees

- ◆ **UCSD UniversityLink** - Incoming freshmen who take Counseling 101 class and earn a 3.0 transfer GPA
- ◆ **TAG**- Transfer Admission Guarantee
Guarantees admission to any UC (except UC Berkeley and UCLA) with a 3.0 transfer GPA (depending on the major and school)



Graduation Rates from the UC System

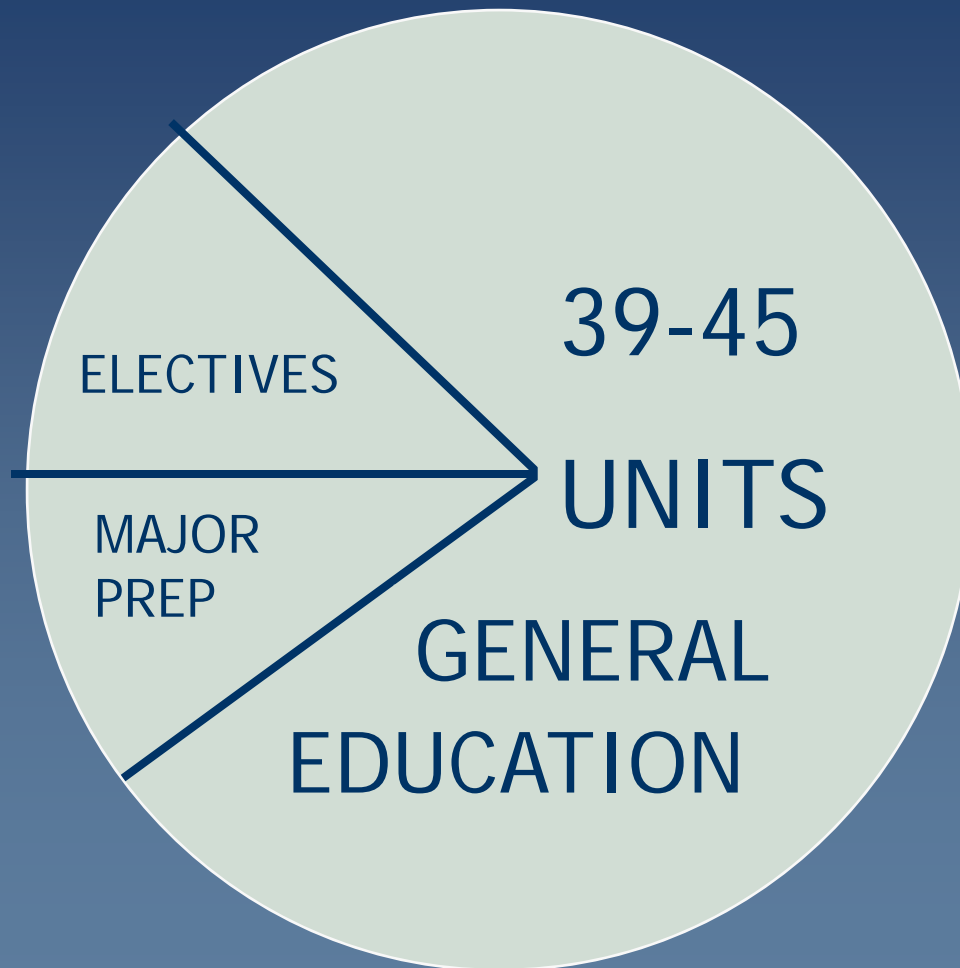
CCC Transfer Students 85.5%

UC Students 81.4%

Two Thirds of all UC Graduates were California
Community College Transfer Students



TRANSFER PREPARATION



- ◆ Usually requires 60 transfer level units
- ◆ 60 transferable units equates to Junior status
- ◆ Includes general education courses
- ◆ Includes preparation courses in the major
- ◆ May include electives
- ◆ Important to decide upon ones major as soon as possible

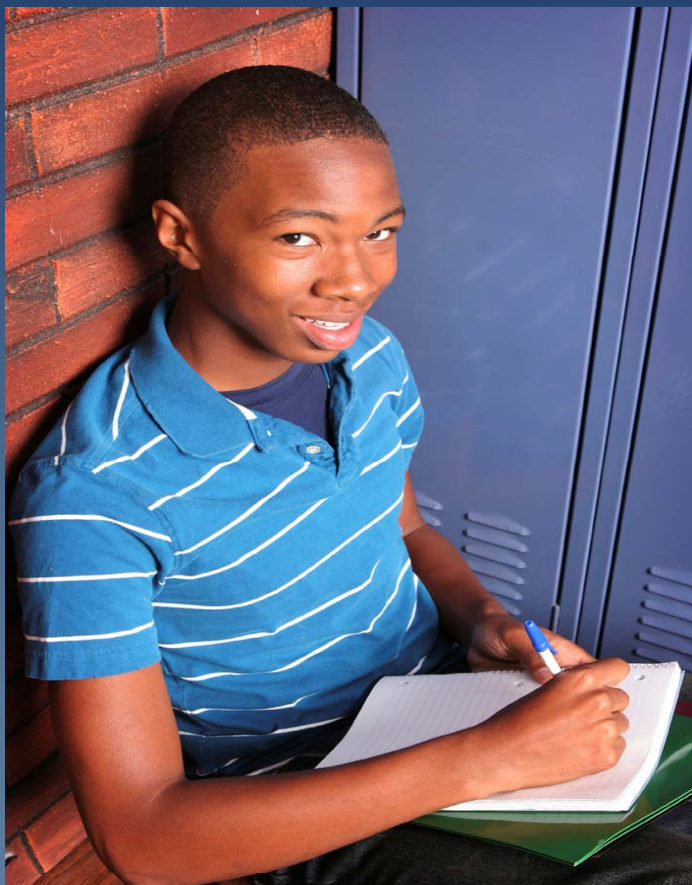
Internet Tools

- ◆ <http://www.assist.org>
- ◆ <http://www.collegesource.org>
- ◆ <http://www.csumentor.edu>
- ◆ www.palomar.edu counseling (transfer center, career center and other support service web pages)
- ◆ New Parent Resource page:
www.palomar.edu/counseling/parentinfo/html
(still adding materials)

College Catalog

- ◆ A paperback book printed each academic year
- ◆ Contains important course and major information
- ◆ Outlines all current college policies
- ◆ Shows all regulations and requirements that apply to the students who begin attending Palomar college during that year

Class Schedule



- ◆ List of class offerings issued before the fall, spring semesters and summer term
- ◆ Available on line before every semester or term at www.palomar.edu
- ◆ Includes classes at all locations (8 Education Sites)
- ◆ Read carefully for class locations; hours, days, and dates taught; and prerequisites

Transfer and Non-transfer units

Courses 1-49	Courses 50-99	Courses 100+
foundation	pre-college	college level
Non-AA	AA	AA
Non-transfer	Non-transfer	transfer
ENG 10	ENG 50	ENG 100*
ESL 30-36	ESL 97, 98	ESL 101- 131
MATH 10, 15	MATH 50, 56* or 60*	Math 100+
READ 10, 30	READ 50	READ 110

*course requirement for the AA


PREREQUISITE

A requirement that must be satisfied before enrolling in a particular course; usually a prior course or placement test score

Transcript

- ◆ Students must order transcripts from high school, all prior colleges and for any AP, IB or CLEP exams to apply these courses toward any degree, transfer or certificate program.
- ◆ All transcripts must be official. Official means in a sealed envelope.

How long do college classes last?

- ◆ Most classes in the fall and spring semesters run 16 weeks
 - ◆ Summer classes are usually 6-8 weeks
 - ◆ Fast Track classes are 8 weeks
 - ◆ Intersession classes are 2-4 weeks
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How many classes should one take?


- ◆ Courses are assigned a unit value based on lecture or lab time required each week
- ◆ Units, credits or hours all mean the same thing
- ◆ Typically 1 unit equals 1 hour lecture and 2 hours study per week in a 16 week semester class

How many units can a working student manage?

- ◆ 40 or more work hours- 6 units or less
- ◆ 30-40 work hours- 6-9 units
- ◆ 20-30 work hours- 9-12 units
- ◆ 20 work hours or less- 12 or more units

- ◆ Successful students must develop personal time management systems for college classes, study time, work and social time.

What Instructional Formats are Available?

- ◆ Traditional 16 week college semester
 - ◆ Summer and Fast Track 6-8 week classes
 - ◆ Intersession 2-4 week classes
 - ◆ Traditional lecture style
 - ◆ Self Taught
 - ◆ Self paced/Open Entry/Open Exit
 - ◆ TV
 - ◆ Internet *(not recommended for all students)*
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Campus Locations

San Marcos
Escondido
Camp Pendleton
Fallbrook
Pauma
Ramona
Borrego Springs
Mt. Carmel



- ◆ Be careful to select classes on the campus of your choice

College Courses Recommended for a Successful First Semester!

- ◆ English, Math, or Learning Communities Classes (pg. 4 of class schedule)
- ◆ COUN 110, College Success Skills
- ◆ COUN 115, Career Life Planning
- ◆ COUN165, Career Search
- ◆ COUN 101, Transfer Success
- ◆ COUN 170, Major Search
- ◆ COUN 120, Quest for Identity and Life Skills
- ◆ COUN 197, Freshmen Seminar
- ◆ COUN 45, Basic Study Skills
- ◆ COUN 48, Overcoming Test Anxiety
- ◆ Reading 30, 50 or 110
- ◆ An introductory course in area being considered for a major
- ◆ A course just for fun

What Financial Help is Available for College?

◆ Apply for FAFSA

- complete online application
- submit required documents listed on Palomar's e-services
- attend a FAFSA workshop if needed

◆ Apply for local and national scholarships

◆ Check in with the Career Center for local and campus job information

Students receive all important college information via their Palomar email account.



What Additional Support Services are Available?

- ◆ English as a Second Language assessment and classes
- ◆ Disability Resource Center services and classes
- ◆ Tutoring Center
- ◆ Extended Opportunity Programs and Services
- ◆ TRIO/Student Support Services
- ◆ Career Center
- ◆ Transfer Center
- ◆ Health Services
- ◆ Veterans Services

What if a Student is Having Difficulty in a Course?

- ◆ Meet with the instructor immediately during his/her office hours
- ◆ See a counselor
- ◆ Get a tutor
- ◆ Form a study group
- ◆ Go to the Writing or Math Center
- ◆ Reduce job hours

When Should a Student See a Palomar College Counselor?

- ◆ At least once per semester
- ◆ When unsure of their academic goals or what courses to take to achieve their goals
- ◆ When experiencing personal or academic challenges that may interfere with achieving academic success



The Palomar College Counseling Staff supports all students in their educational endeavors.

Students should make an appointment with a counselor to expand their educational plan.

Call (760) 891-7511 for an appointment

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Student success is our success!

