



## Fall 2022 Newsletter

### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2022 GRANT PARTICIPANTS!

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### CALMed Courses

Summer 2022	Fall 2022
66 ZTC sections	307 ZTC sections
17 LTC sections	55 LTC sections
2,274 students enrolled in a ZTC or LTC course!	8,513 students enrolled in a ZTC or LTC course!



**Zero Textbook Cost (ZTC)**  
To be a ZTC labeled course, there must be no associated textbook costs. In other words, students must be able to access any required textbook material completely free of charge.



**Low-Cost Textbooks (LTC)**  
To be designated as a low cost course, the total price for all required textbooks must be \$40 or less. This must be the price available to students through the campus bookstore. It is important that this pricing is for the textbooks from the bookstore, as students receiving financial aid are often only eligible to use that aid through our campus bookstore.

Since the introduction of Palomar College’s CALM program, students have saved an estimated **\$10,630,860** in total textbook costs. Students saved an estimated **\$799,740** this semester alone!

### CHECK OUT WHAT OUR STUDENTS HAVE TO SAY



I am extremely grateful for Palomar College’s zero textbook cost initiative. As a commuter student I do not have extensive financial resources and the college’s dedication to providing cost-free education is insurmountable in removing barriers many students face. This semester I explored the French program’s zero-cost textbook. This was a huge benefit this semester because the authors of this learning material were professors from the college itself. In addition to saving money as I progress through my college career, I feel like I can explore the course subject further one-on-one with my instructor.

-Rachel Alazar



# OER MYTHBUSTERS

**OER are too hard to find.**

We know finding OER materials may seem daunting, but there are many repositories available to help you find quality OER content in your area. Check out OER Commons, the Open Textbook Library, and Palomar's OER Library Guide. Plus, you can review OER material created by the Palomar community in our very own CALM repository.

## INTRODUCING OUR NEW OER LIAISON

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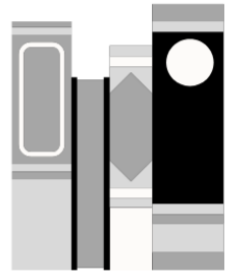
Keep your eye out for messages from Elaine on important OER updates!

**CALM Repository**

**Palomar OER  
Library Guide**

**OER  
Commons**

**Open Textbook  
Library**



## Save the Date

Join us at the Spring 2023 Plenary for professional development sessions to explore CALMed courses and OER options.



**CHECK OUT THE  
CALM  
CANVAS COURSE**

Learn more about OER and CALM at Palomar using our [CALM Canvas Course!](#)



Please contact [Anastasia Zavodny](#) or [Bill Carrasco](#) for more information.



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**\*Comets Affordable Learning Materials**