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Palomar College holds membership in the Community College League of California (CCLC), the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). The College is approved for training of veterans and service members and is authorized under federal law to enroll nonimmigrant alien students. Accreditation information is available in the office of the Superintendent/ President.

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Requirements and courses in this catalog are effective with the Fall 2015 semester.



Welcome to Palomar College!

Palomar College has been proudly serving north San Diego County for over 70 years. Whether you plan to earn a degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university, or take classes for professional development or personal enrichment, Palomar College offers a rich array of courses, programs, and support services to assist you along your educational journey.

Our outstanding faculty and dedicated staff are committed to student success and strive to provide students with the highest level of educational experience. With courses offered at the San Marcos campus, the Escondido Education Center, Camp Pendleton and three additional sites, the College will utilize its Proposition M Building program to continue developing new and upgraded facilities that support student learning long into the future.

The information in this catalog is designed to help you to achieve your educational goals and includes important information on academic policies, course offerings, and support services. We encourage you to familiarize yourself with this publication and to reference it throughout the year.

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration, I am pleased to welcome you to the Palomar College family. I wish you success in pursuing your educational goals.

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Palomar College

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