

**Palomar College Early Childhood Education Lab School (ECELS)  
General Observation Guidelines**

Palomar College ECELS welcomes student observers at both the San Marcos and Escondido locations. Observers should be enrolled in relevant coursework (ex: CHDV, PSYC, NURS, DA, EME, SOC, etc.). Our ECELS is a learning lab for Palomar students, and we thank you for being respectful of our ECELS teachers and staff at all times.

**Things to Know Before Observing:**

- All student observers must wear their Palomar College Student Activity Card (student ID) while at the ECELS. The ECELS front office will also give you an observer badge to wear in addition to your Student Activity Card.
- Students must read, sign, and present the [CHDV Statement of Commitment and Confidentiality](#) at the time of their observation (students who have previously done this and already have an orange dot on their Student Activity Card are covered).
- All students must sign in and sign out at the front office of the ECELS when they enter and exit the site.
- **The ECELS is a No Cell Phone Zone**- please do not bring your cell phone into the ECELS or plan to keep it off and in your bag. Absolutely no photography, texting, phone calls, or social media usage is allowed while you are observing at the ECELS.
- We want to protect the health and safety of our youngest Comets, so if you are not feeling well, please stay home. Please follow the [College guidelines](#) for COVID-19. **The use of facial coverings is strongly encouraged.**

**General Information:**

- **You do NOT need to call the San Marcos ECELS to set up an observation, but it is recommended that you call the Escondido ECELS before coming to observe.** You may come any day that the ECELS is open during non-nap hours. There are **limited spaces available** at any given time at both spots for drop-in observers, so don't wait until the last minute to do your observation- you may have to come back another day!
  - San Marcos ECELS: 8:00am-12:00pm & 3:00-5:00pm (lunch 11:30am, snack 3pm)
  - Escondido ECELS: 8:00am-11:30am and 1:00pm-4:00pm
- You may not observe in restrooms or during sleeping times.
- Observers may never be left alone with children and must always be supervised by a teacher or staff member when in the presence of children.
- If you are in the yards or in the presence of children and families, please do NOT interact with the children or families. You may be friendly and let children know you are there doing your homework and redirect them back to their teacher or peers. Do not speak to families- redirect them to an ECELS staff member. Be as unobtrusive as possible when observing in the yards or presence of children and families.
- Wear clothing that is appropriate for a workplace- please make sure that you can sit, squat, or bend over without exposing areas normally covered by a one-piece swimsuit. No clothing or accessories with offensive graphics or words are allowed.
- Please do not interrupt teachers or staff while they are engaged with children.
- Avoid bringing in large backpacks, open purses, or bags. Bring as little as possible to the ECELS.
- Contact your professor with questions about your assignment- do not ask the ECELS teachers or staff.
- Follow the CHDV Observation requirements/suggestions in the [Student Success Guide](#).

**San Marcos Observation Room:**

- To use the Observation Room at the San Marcos ECELS, you will sign into the Ocularis system on the computers using your Palomar email and password. Specific directions are posted in the Observation Room. There is a phone number for technical difficulties- please DO NOT ask the front office staff for help with the Observation Room computers.

**Age Groups and Contact Information:**

ROOM	AGES	LEAD TEACHER	CONTACT INFO
SM Room 1	6-18 mo.	Karina Gutierrez-Ortiz	<a href="mailto:kgutierrezortiz@palomar.edu">kgutierrezortiz@palomar.edu</a>
SM Room 2	18-36 mo.	Shelbi Morales	<a href="mailto:smorales@palomar.edu">smorales@palomar.edu</a>
SM Room 3	2 yr-3.5 yr.	Carol Adams	<a href="mailto:cadams@palomar.edu">cadams@palomar.edu</a>
SM Room 4	3-5 yr.	Nahla Yakzan	<a href="mailto:nyakzan@palomar.edu">nyakzan@palomar.edu</a>
SM Room 5	3-5 yr.	Sylvie McCann	<a href="mailto:smccann1@palomar.edu">smccann1@palomar.edu</a>
SM Room 6	3-5 yr.	Penelope Halverson	<a href="mailto:phalverson@palomar.edu">phalverson@palomar.edu</a>
SM Room 7	3-5 yr.	Rachel Thompson	<a href="mailto:rthompson@palomar.edu">rthompson@palomar.edu</a>
SM Room 8 AM	3-5 yr.	Jayne Ramones	<a href="mailto:jramones@palomar.edu">jramones@palomar.edu</a>
ESC Room 9 PM	3.5-5 yr.	Marta Soto	<a href="mailto:msoto@palomar.edu">msoto@palomar.edu</a>
ESC Room 9 AM	3.5-5 yr.	Christina Mendez	<a href="mailto:cmendez@palomar.edu">cmendez@palomar.edu</a>
ESC Room 10	3.5-5 yr.	Martha Cortes-Rodriguez	<a href="mailto:mcortesrodriguez@palomar.edu">mcortesrodriguez@palomar.edu</a>
Coordinator		Tamara Holthaus	<a href="mailto:tholthaus@palomar.edu">tholthaus@palomar.edu</a>
ESC Site Supervisor		Lisa Casas	<a href="mailto:lcasas@palomar.edu">lcasas@palomar.edu</a>
SM Site Supervisor		Rene Robelin	<a href="mailto:rrobelin@palomar.edu">rrobelin@palomar.edu</a>
SM Site Supervisor		Claribel Zorrilla	<a href="mailto:czorrilla@palomar.edu">czorrilla@palomar.edu</a>

**Facility Information:**

- San Marcos location:
  - Palomar College ECE Lab School  
1140 W. Mission Road San Marcos, CA 92069  
760-744-1150 x2575  
San Marcos facility license # 372005150
- Escondido location:
  - Palomar College ECE Lab School  
1151 East Valley Parkway Escondido, CA 92027  
760-744-1150 x 8155  
Escondido facility license # 376600599
- Our San Marcos ECELS is located on the northeast side of campus, off the Borden Road entrance, across from Lot 9. Please do not park in the marked ECELS parking spots in Lot 9 or in the small lot directly in front of the ECELS. Use the student parking in Lot 9.
- Our Escondido ECELS is located at the corner of Midway and Valley Parkway in the northeast corner of the Escondido campus parking lot. Please use the student parking spots.

**Websites:**

- [Palomar College Child Development & Education Department](#)
- [Palomar College ECELS](#) (including employment opportunities!)