Palomar College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, (10 Commercial Boulevard, Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949 (415) 506-0234), an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education. Full credit is given by the University of California, the California State Universities, and other major colleges and universities. Academic programs with external accreditation include Dental Assisting, accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association and by the Dental Board of California; Nursing Education, accredited by the Board of Registered Nursing and the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing; Paramedic Program, accredited by the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for Emergency Medical Services Professionals; and the Basic Police Academy, accredited by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

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.

Palomar College endeavors to present itself and its programs to the public accurately and fairly. To this end, the College subscribes to a policy of truth in advertising. Those responsible for the preparation of this catalog, the class schedule, and all other announcements for public consumption make every effort to assure that the information presented is correct and up to date. However, the College reserves the right to add, amend, or repeal any rules, regulations, policies, and procedures. The College assumes no responsibility for program changes and/or publication errors beyond its control.

Requirements and courses in this catalog are effective with the Fall 2016 semester.
Welcome to Palomar College!

On behalf of the faculty, staff and administration, I am pleased to welcome you to Palomar College. This year marks the College’s 70th Anniversary — we are proud of our alumni and their many accomplishments and contributions to the region.

As the largest college in North San Diego County, Palomar provides a comprehensive learning environment for your educational journey. Whether you plan to earn a degree or certificate, transfer to a four-year university, or take classes for professional development or personal enrichment, you will find a rich array of courses, programs, and support services to assist you.

The college has outstanding faculty and dedicated staff who are committed to your success. In addition to our San Marcos campus and Escondido Education Center, classes are offered at Camp Pendleton and three additional sites — Fallbrook High School, Pauma, and Mt. Carmel High School. I recommend that you take advantage of the many academic and student support services available to all students — these are designed to enrich and enhance your educational experience.

The information in this catalog is designed to assist you with 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.

I wish you much success in pursuing your educational goals and welcome to the Palomar family.

Adrian Gonzales
Interim Superintendent/President
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