Most students who attend Panola College select courses to enhance their skills or to transfer to a four-year institution. This catalog is a guide for the individual student’s learning and success in reaching his or her desired goal.

This catalog has been prepared from existing policies and information obtained from appropriate Panola College officials. The catalog is informational in its purpose and does not constitute a contract between Panola College and any person or entity. To the extent that any content of this catalog conflicts with or is inconsistent with Panola College policies (current or as amended in the future), then College policies will control and govern. All Panola College policies may be found online in the Board Policy Manual. Additional guidance is also available in the Panola College student handbook, The Pathfinder. The content is current as of the date of publication, but it is subject to modification and change at any time in order to accommodate changes in educational plans, resources, policies, procedures, and administrative, state, and federal regulations. For curriculum changes and updates, refer to the catalog online at www.panola.edu.

Not all courses listed in this catalog are offered each semester. The College reserves the right to select the courses to be offered during any session. Each semester the College produces an online schedule of courses to be offered. Schedules are made public and available to students as early as possible prior to the beginning of each Fall, Winter, Spring, May, and Summer term.

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Welcome to Panola College!

As a community college serving both commuter and residential students, Panola College provides the advantages of attending a major university on a small college campus. We are large enough to offer a variety of academic and technical courses but small enough not to lose sight of our commitment of being student centered. We pride ourselves on individual attention and smiling faces.

Why should you attend Panola College?

- Panola College has small class sizes and provides one-on-one attention.
- Panola College offers an exceptional education at an affordable price.
- Panola College graduates succeed!

Better yet, come to Panola College for a visit. Work out in the fitness center or play a game of racquetball. Tour the residence halls. Eat a meal in the dining hall. Watch an intercollegiate ball game or fine arts production. Our students genuinely like Panola College. Just ask them! I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Dr. Gregory S. Powell
President
ABOUT PANOLA COLLEGE

Board of Trustees
- William Goolsby, Chair
- Hal Palmer, Vice-Chair
- Evelyn Sharp, Secretary
- Richard Thomas
- Bobby Phillips
- Glendell Chadwick
- Kevin Smith

Accreditation
Panola College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees and certificates of completion. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Panola College.

Vision Statement
Panola College is committed to excellence in instructional programs, student services, service to the community, and leadership in economic development and cultural enrichment of the region.

Mission Statement
Panola College is dedicated to providing excellence in education. The range of educational offerings includes university transfer programs, technical and workforce programs, developmental courses designed to increase academic proficiency, and continuing education to enrich lives and improve skills. Our aim is to help each student achieve his or her full potential and contribute to the further development of society.

History of Panola College
Like many similar institutions, Panola College was founded during the post-World War II period, when returning veterans and the G.I. Bill fostered the founding of junior colleges across Texas. Its original name was Panola County Junior College.

Economic conditions in Panola County were favorable because of the recent development of a vast natural gas field. Q. M. Martin, innovative superintendent of schools in Carthage, became the driving force behind the establishment of the college. Organization began in 1947. A thirty-five-acre tract was secured at the western edge of Carthage, the county seat, and registration was first held during a snowstorm on January 19, 1948. Shortly thereafter, opening classes were conducted in a structure pieced together from two buildings obtained from Camp Majors in Greenville at a cost of $205. Moving expenses considerably exceeded the purchase price. The original dormitory was purchased from Camp Fannin in Tyler for $107.50, and a quonset hut served as the first fieldhouse.


The original faculty included President Musgraves and five teachers who taught five demanding class days each week and then met in conference for half a day on Saturdays.

In the spring of 1948, fifty-five charter students enrolled in the initial courses. By the next fall, the student body numbered 185. For several years enrollment varied and even declined to 116 in 1953. In 1958 the student body exceeded 300, and the college began to grow steadily, especially after the establishment of an occupational-technical center in 1971.

In 1985, with rapid population growth in East Texas, Panola College had an enrollment of more than 1,300 students. There were 13 buildings on the main campus, including a student union, a men’s dormitory, a library, science and fine arts buildings, and a large administration building. The college operated off-campus centers in Jefferson and Center. Panola College had 103 faculty members and 1,520 students in the fall of 1999.

The college has fostered two unique programs. In 1975 it became the only junior college in Texas to
offer a one-year program to train forest technicians. In 1980 it began offering a Texas History course with a trip; after twelve hours of lecture, participant’s journey 2,100 miles around Texas, visiting forts, missions, museums, and numerous other sites of historic interest. Since the 1960s Spanish-language classes have been taught in Mexico, and in 1984 the school began granting credit in western civilization for travel in Europe.

Panola College confers associate degrees in the arts and sciences, associate of applied science degrees, and certificates. Panola College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS). SACS is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. It serves as the common denominator of shared values and practices among the diverse institutions in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and Latin America and other international sites approved by the Commission on Colleges that award associate, baccalaureate, master’s, or doctoral degrees. The Commission also accepts applications from other international institutions of higher education.

During the first three years of its existence, Panola fielded a football squad and in 1949–50 the season was climax by the Gas Bowl game in Carthage. Some players, under the eligibility rules of that time, played all three years. In 1949–50 the Panola Ponies were champions of the Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. Under the tutelage of Bill Griffin (1957-81) and former major-leaguer Jackie Davis (1981-96), the Pony baseball team won a score of conference titles and, in 1969, a National Junior College Athletic Association national championship. Men’s basketball teams have also had numerous playoff appearances. Women’s basketball was begun under the direction of Coach Mary Otwell (1974-78), who won national NJCAA titles in 1977 and 1978.

Since 2000 enrollment at Panola College has grown by more than 89 percent. Today, more than 2,700 credit students and 1,400 Workforce and Continuing Education students are enrolled in one of 56 programs of study offered through Panola College.

During the regular meeting of the Panola College Board, the trustees, in a unanimous vote, approved calling for a bond election to be held May 11, 2013. The bond passed with an overwhelming 84 percent of voters’ support.

New construction and renovation plans include:
- New Science and Health Sciences Building
- New Student Life Center
- Complete renovation of the Roy Monk Building
- Partial demolition and renovation of the Phoebe Sue Pearlman Building
- Partial demolition and renovation of the Fitness Center
- Renovation of the Arthur Johnson Gymnasium
- Additional parking

Courses Approved By
- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) (3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Ste 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; 404-975-5000)
- Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE)
- Accreditation for Health Informatics and Information Management Education
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
- Board of Nursing (BON) for the State of Texas
- Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- National Accrediting Agency for Clinical Laboratory Sciences (NAACLS)
- Texas Cosmetology Commission
- Texas Education Agency as an Area Vocational School
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System
- Texas Rehabilitation Commission
- Texas Workforce Commission-Veterans Education

Memberships
- American Association of Community Colleges
- American Chemical Society
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA)
- American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- American Library Association
• American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP)
• Association for Career and Technical Education
• Association of Higher Education and Disabilities
• Community Colleges Chief Student Affairs Administrators
• Council for Resource Development
• East Texas Historical Association
• Government Financial Officers Association
• Junior College Student Personnel Association of Texas
• Mathematical Association of America
• National Association of Biology Teachers
• National Association of Developmental Education (NADE)
• National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
• National Council of Instructional Administrators
• National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association
• National Junior College Athletic Association
• National League for Nursing (NLN)
• National Organization for Associate Degree Nursing (NOADN)
• Phi Theta Kappa International
• Region XIV Athletic Conference
• Southern Association of Colleges and Schools
• Southwest Association of College/University Housing Officers
• Southwest Theatre Association
• Texas Administrators of Continuing Education
• Texas Association of
• Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators
• Texas Association of College Technical Educators
• Texas Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers
• Texas Association of Collegiate Testing Personnel
• Texas Association of Collegiate Veterans Programs Officials
• Texas Association of Community College Business Officers
• Texas Association of Community College Foundations
• Texas Association of Community College Human Resources Professionals
• Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators
• Texas Association of Community Colleges
• Texas Association of Developmental Education (TADE)
• Texas Association of Music Schools
• Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators
• Texas Association of Vocational Nurse Educators (TAVNE)
• Texas College Instructional Administrators
• Texas Community College Journalism Association
• Texas Community College Teachers Association
• Texas Council of Academic Libraries
• Texas Distance Learning Association
• Texas Educational Theatre Association
• Texas Intercollegiate Press Association
• Texas Junior College Speech Association
• Texas Junior College Speech/Theatre Association
• Texas Library Association
• Texas Music Educators Association
• The College and University Student Personnel Association
COLLEGE CALENDAR

FALL SEMESTER 2015

April 13  Mentoring and advising begin
        13  Online registration for Fall
August 13  Faculty returns
        22  Residence halls open (10 a.m.)
        22-23 Orientation for residence hall students
        23  Online registration for Fall 2015 ends
        23  Last day to receive 100% refund
        24  FALL 2015 CLASSES BEGIN
        24  Late registration/schedule changes begin - all campus sites ($30 fee)
        27  Registration ends for Fall 2015
September 7  Holiday: Labor Day
          9  Official reporting date
          14  Last day to receive 70% refund
          21  Last day to receive 25% refund
October 12-16  Mid-semester week
           19  All mid-term grades posted (9 a.m.)
November 4  Early registration begins for Spring 2016
          13  Last day to withdraw with a “W”
          24  Residence halls close (4 p.m.)
          25-27  Holiday: Thanksgiving
          29  Residence halls open (2 p.m.)
          30  Classes resume
December 3-8  Final exams
            8  FALL 2015 SEMESTER ENDS
            8  Residence halls close (4 p.m.)
           10  Commencement (7 p.m.)
           11  Offices close (12:30 p.m.)

FALL 2015 8-WEEK SESSIONS

August 23  Last day to receive 100% refund
           24  First 8-week fall flex session begins
           27  Registration for first 8-week fall session ends
           31  Official reporting date
September 2  Last day to receive 70% refund
           4  Last day to receive 25% refund
           7  Holiday: Labor Day
          30  Online registration for second 8-week fall flex session begins
October 2  Last day to withdraw from the first flex session with “W”
          16  First 8-week fall flex session ends
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Class meetings – December 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 31, January 4

**SPRING SEMESTER 2016**

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### SPRING 2016 8-WEEK SESSIONS

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