

DIVISION OF eLEARNING

Services provided for online and remote site students



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About the Division of eLearning

The Division of eLearning provides instruction and support for faculty and students through the departments of Distance Education and Instructional Technology, and through the Panola College website.

Distance Education

To accommodate varied student schedules and learning styles, distance education courses are presented in a variety of course formats, including Interactive Television (ITV), online, hybrid, and web-enhanced courses.

Panola College offers these degrees online:

- < AAS - Associate Degree Nursing
- < AAS - Computer Information Technology
- < AAS - General Business
- < AAS - Health Information Technology
- < AAS - Medical Laboratory Technician
- < AAS - Office Professional
- < AAS - Office Professional (Medical Option)
- < AAT - Teacher Education
- < AS - Core Curriculum

In addition, many certificate programs are offered online.

Online courses offer students flexibility in coursework that can be accessed from home, work or other locations, including in open computer labs available at Panola College. All instruction in online classes is provided through the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS), and testing services are available at Panola College facilities in Carthage, Marshall and Center, Texas. Hybrid courses combine elements of both face-to-face and online formats, and many instructors use the Canvas LMS to provide resources to enhance traditional face-to-face classes.

Interactive Television

(ITV) courses are broadcast to and from Panola College in Carthage, the Shelby Regional Training Center in Center, and the Marshall College Center in Marshall, Texas. In addition, ITV classes are broadcast to and from area Independent School Districts. Through collaborative and consortia agreements with other colleges and universities, Panola College can offer a greater selection of courses via ITV and online. Panola College participates in the Virtual College of Texas and the Northeast Texas Network Consortium of Colleges and Universities.

Virtual College of Texas

The Virtual College of Texas (VCT) is a collaboration of community colleges instituted to enhance access to higher education by sharing distance education resources among colleges. These resources include instruction, student and administrative services, and technology. VCT serves students who need distance education courses that are not available at their home institutions at the point that they need them. Panola College provides courses for students across the state through VCT, and Panola College students benefit from the service by having access to courses from other institutions as well.

Instructional Technology

Making the transition between the traditional classroom and the Interactive Television or online classroom is made easier with specialized training facilitated by the eLearning Division's Coordinator of Educational Technology. Instructors are trained and supported with individual and small group instruction and online resources. Professional Development opportunities are offered throughout the academic year and training sessions are based on the needs and interests of faculty and staff members.

eLearning support for students is provided face-to-face, by telephone, and online. Orientation for online learning is provided on campus and through the Canvas LMS, and technical support is available upon request. Students wishing to know how they may fare in online courses can access the *SmarterMeasure* assessment, which assesses reading comprehension, computer skills, learning styles, and much more. A link to the *SmarterMeasure* assessment is located on the Panola College website.

Panola College Website

The Panola College website at <http://www.panola.edu> is maintained through the Division of eLearning. The website provides access to all Panola College departments and resources.

Mission of the Division of eLearning

The mission of the Division of eLearning is to provide training and resources to support faculty and students in designing and participating in all types of instruction at Panola College, and to provide equitable access to College courses and resources through instructional technology and the Panola College website.

Admissions, Counseling, Testing, Registration

Admissions, counseling, and registration for Panola College eLearning courses is the same as for other courses. Students should contact the Student Success Center for more information. For online courses, some instructors require face-to-face orientation, while others provide orientation online. A schedule of courses is available online at <http://www.panola.edu>.

Testing services for online courses are available at Panola College facilities in Carthage, Marshall and Center, Texas. Testing information can be found on the eLearning page of the Panola College website.

Dual Credit Orientation

Orientation for students enrolled for dual credit is the same as for other students, and is available through the Panola College Student Success Center and the eLearning face-to-face and online orientation sessions.

Continuing Education

The eLearning staff works with the Division of Workforce and Continuing Education to provide online instruction and resources in various areas of continuing education. Offerings include courses for Continuing Education Unit credits and classes for personal enrichment.

Professional Development

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