

ship in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED®) Building Rating System, the Irwin P. Diamond Physical Education Center, Main Building, Fine Arts Building, Performing Arts Building, and Science/Math/Nursing Building achieved LEED® Gold; the Transportation Technology Complex was awarded LEED® Silver; the Child Study Center achieved LEED® certification. LEED® Gold is pending for the Academic Center.

In June 2016 voters overwhelmingly passed the \$265 million Measure B facilities bond. Measure B funds will address buildings still in need of upgrades and repairs in order to meet current codes for earthquakes, fire, and safety. In order to maintain and enhance the quality education COM provides, many of the oldest classrooms, labs, and vocational education facilities must be upgraded as well.

For 90 years COM has remained committed to educational excellence, providing equitable opportunities, and fostering success in all members of its diverse community. Today, COM serves over 13,000 students annually in its credit, noncredit, and community education programs. Currently, 62 associate degrees, 24 certificates of achievement, and 20 skills certificates are offered.

With student success as the number one priority, the College prepares students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities, and has one of the highest transfer rates to UC Berkeley in the state. COM helps keep the local economy thriving by providing job training and skill enhancement for thousands of workers each year. Students of all ages have affordable access to an exciting variety of credit and noncredit courses, as well as community education classes for lifelong learning.

The high-quality education and training is made possible by faculty and staff who are committed to excellence. There are 121 tenure/tenure track faculty, 279 adjunct faculty, 22 administrators, and 186 professional, technical, clerical, and service employees at the College. The faculty, administrators, and staff hold degrees representing colleges and universities in some 26 states and foreign countries. A number of faculty members hold doctorate degrees. A faculty and staff directory is listed in the back section of this catalog.

## MISSION STATEMENT

College of Marin's commitment to educational excellence is rooted in providing equitable opportunities and fostering success for all members of our diverse community by offering:

- preparation for transfer to four-year colleges and universities
- associate degrees and certificates
- career technical education
- basic skills improvement
- English as a second language
- lifelong learning
- community and cultural enrichment

College of Marin responds to community needs by offering student-centered programs and services in a supportive, innovative learning environment that promotes social and environmental responsibility.

## ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Academic freedom protects a teacher's right to teach and a student's right to learn, and is necessary in order for College of Marin to fulfill its mission of providing excellent educational opportunities for all members of our diverse community.

The exercise of academic freedom allows society to enjoy the benefits of honest intellectual discourse and the transmittal of knowledge. College of Marin's academic employees must be free from pressures and demands that restrict intellectual discovery and the dissemination of knowledge. The college shall promote and protect an educational climate in which teachers and students can assert their ideas without fear of reprisal. By the same token, College of Marin faculty and students have a responsibility, under the guidelines of academic freedom, to engage in teaching and learning that honors, respects, and supports divergent viewpoints.

## ACCREDITATION

College of Marin is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges, 10 Commercial Blvd., 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. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at: [www.accjc.org](http://www.accjc.org)

The College is approved for foreign student education by the United States Immigration Services, and veterans' education by the California Department of Education, Bureau of School Approvals. The University of California, the California State University, and other four-year colleges and universities accept units of credit in transfer courses completed at College of Marin.

## ABOUT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

The California Community Colleges system is comprised of 72 districts, 113 colleges and enrolls more than 2.4 million students. It is the largest higher education system in the nation. California community colleges provide basic skills education, workforce training and courses that prepare students for transfer to four-year universities. The colleges also offer opportunities for personal enrichment and lifelong learning. To the extent funding is provided the colleges may conduct institutional research concerning student learning and retention as is needed to facilitate their educational missions.

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