

# Law & Public Safety

2024-25



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PUBLIC SAFETY

## TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

- Experience law enforcement by exploring patrol procedures, crime scene investigation, forensics, emergency dispatch, security, and corrections.
- Strengthen your mind and body through rigorous mental and physical training, including advanced self-defense tactics.
  - Evaluate aspects of the legal system including constitutional, federal, and state laws as well as charging and sentencing, and use of force justification.

### PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomore, Junior and Senior students may apply
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Math with a C or better
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
- Copy of birth certificate and immunizations/State Exemption Form due at the time of enrollment
- Students who do not meet program requirements may apply under a “Student Success Action Plan” through their high school counselor.
- Transportation is not provided by West-MEC. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from West-MEC.
- Students must be able to participate in arrest and law enforcement procedures and physical training.

\*Program requirements are subject to change per industry age restrictions, credentials requirements and administrative discretion.

**Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment.**

### IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS

- Proof of current Immunizations OR an AZ State Exemption Form are required
  - If an AZ State Exemption Form is submitted, a West-MEC Acknowledgement Form must be signed.
- Immunization may be required for employment in law enforcement settings.

### COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon enrollment into the program:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing, supplies, leadership development, & uniform shirts. Other uniform/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.
  - Leadership development training is embedded through membership and participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization | Skills USA.
- It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to complete assignments and projects.
- The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed prior to the start of classes.
- Optional dual enrollment will result in additional fees.
- After Early Graduation, Graduation, or GED completion, registration fee and tuition will apply.
- Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) recipients may select West-MEC is an approved vendor\*

\*Details regarding additional tuition costs are available Tuition Payment Agreement.

### INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- This industry credential is preferred for employment in the field a majority of the time is sought after by employers, candidates with this industry credential are likely to be given priority in hiring over others who do not hold it.
  - Arizona Security License
  - International Foundation for Protection Officers (IFPO) (Included in Student Textbook Fee)
  - APCO Public Safety Telecommunicator
  - American Heart Association CPR/AED
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field a majority of the time. It is acknowledged by employers, candidates with this industry credential will signal to employers knowledge in the area but may not get priority in hiring over someone with industry experience.
  - FEMA Incident Command System Certifications
  - Stop the Bleed

Program information may change as West-MEC strives to provide the best opportunities for students. Refer to [www.west-mec.edu](http://www.west-mec.edu) for most current information. Program is taught by industry certified instructors. West-MEC does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, age, or disability in admission to its programs, services, or activities, in access to them, in treatment of individuals, or in any aspect of their operations.



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## CAREER PATHWAYS

- Corrections Officer, Security Officer, Attorney, Loss Prevention, Hospital, Dispatching, Animal Control and Transportation positions at the Federal, State, and local levels; CTE teacher\*; knowledge and training obtained in this program is transferable to a broad spectrum of careers.
- Entry level salary range: \$15.12 - \$29.40 per hour\*\*

\*with additional education in this pathway | \*\*Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment & Wages

## LOCATION & HOURS

### West-MEC Central Campus - Building B

6997 N. Glen Harbor Blvd.  
Glendale, AZ 85307  
623.209.8045

### Monday – Friday

1st Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
2nd Year: 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM

### West-MEC Northwest Campus:

13201 W. Grand Avenue  
Surprise, AZ 85374  
623.877.6914

### Monday – Friday

1st Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM  
2nd Year: 7:00 AM – 9:30 AM

**NOTE: West-MEC & high school calendars may not align & transportation provided by the student/parent.**

## ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- Acceptance into West-MEC programs may be competitive.
- Students may only be enrolled in **one** West-MEC Central Program at a time.
- The order for filling seats by grade level is as follows:
  - Current Sophomores
  - Current Juniors\*
  - Current Seniors\*
- Applications are ranked in part by attendance, GPA, discipline, and career choice (ECAP)
- Program hours are not excused for participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, vacation, or employment.
- West-MEC priority application submission date is in February. Contact your school counselor for your school's application deadline.
- West-MEC provides accommodations and modifications identified in the IEP/504 for high school students. Students who graduate from high school or have a GED will not be eligible for IEP services. Graduated students will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations which are aligned to industry certifications.

## STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway
- Able to perform physical activity
- Ability to lift/carry 50+ lbs
- Ability to get along with other students and cooperate with the instructor
- Ability to work accurately/follow procedures to an industry-standard
- Ability to handle gruesome situations (Ex. Car accidents, Crime Scenes, & Correctional Facilities)
- Strong technical reading and study skills; the textbook for this course is written at the college reading level

## GRADING SCALE

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
Percent	90%-100%	80%-89%	70%-79%	60%-69%	59% or below

## CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 6 elective credits (3 elective credits per year; high school credits are awarded each semester)
- This program satisfies AZ university's admissions requirements. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)

## EARLY COLLEGE PATHWAYS (OPTIONAL)

West-MEC offers a faster way forward through early college pathways, and we strive to provide robust post-secondary opportunities for students. For more information on Early College Pathways applicable to your program, check out our website on:

- [Early College Pathways](#)

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