

Medical Assisting



TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

- Perform medical procedures including documenting patient symptoms, taking vitals, drawing blood, giving injections, and assisting in minor office surgeries
- Participate in clinical experiences in a wide range of medical practices to enhance our community and patients' lives
- Be a key part of a collaborative and professional healthcare team practicing high-quality patient care and management

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students may apply
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Science 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.

*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.
- Immunizations may be required for externships in health care settings.
 - Some credentials in this program may require externship completion.
- Immunizations may be required for employment in health care settings.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon enrollment into the program:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing, supplies, leadership development, & uniform shirts. Other uniforms/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.
 - Leadership development training is embedded through membership and participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization | HOSA.
- It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to occasionally 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.
- After Early Graduation, Graduation or GED completion, registration fee and tuition will apply.
- Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) recipients may select West-MEC as an approved vendor*

*Details regarding additional tuition costs are available at [Tuition Payment Agreement](#).

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- This industry credential is required for employment in the field a majority of the time.
 - American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers
- 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
 - American Medical Technology - Registered Phlebotomy Technician **or** National Healthcareer Association - Certified Phlebotomy Technician
 - National Healthcareer Association - Certified Clinical Medical Assistant **or** American Medical Technologist - Registered Medical Assistant (Requires externship; Some externship sites may ask students to complete background check, fingerprinting, drug screen, vaccines, etc. Costs are not covered by West-MEC).

Proof of Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency may be required for credential testing.

Program information may change as West-MEC strives to provide the best opportunities for students. Refer to www.west-mec.edu for most current information. Program is taught by ADE certified teachers and/or industry certified professionals. 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

- Medical assistant, phlebotomist, chiropractic assistant, insurance biller, coder, lab assistant, health services administrator, home health aide, physician assistant*, family and general practitioner*, registered nurse*, nursing assistant*, CTE teacher*
- Entry level salary range: \$17.87-\$22.00 per hour**

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

LOCATION & HOURS

West-MEC Northeast Campus:

1617 W Williams Drive
Phoenix AZ 85027
623.435.4920

Monday - Friday

1st Year: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
2nd Year: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

West-MEC Northwest Campus:

13201 W Grand Ave
Surprise AZ 85374
623.877.6914

Monday - Friday

1st Year: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
2nd Year: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Southwest Campus:

500 N Verrado Way
Buckeye AZ 85326
623.872.6260

Monday - Friday

1st Year: 7:00 AM - 9:30 AM
4:00 PM - 6:30 PM
2nd Year: 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Note: West-MEC and 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 that are aligned to industry certifications.

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation
- Strong interest in a chosen career pathway
- Completed or enrolled in Biology preferred
- Comfortable acting as the patient and Medical Assistant, by administering/receiving injections
- Comfortable handling bodily fluids
- Strong hand-eye coordination with fine motor skills and stamina
- Manual dexterity and physical ability to use instruments, and equipment; industry specific software
- Must be able to distinguish lower volume sounds
- Ability to get along with other students and cooperate with the instructor
- Ability to work accurately/follow procedures to an industry-standard
- 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)
- High school credits are awarded each semester
- This program satisfies the AZ university admissions requirement. (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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