

The Cost of Attendance is an estimate of a student's average educational expenses for the period of enrollment. The Cost of Attendance doesn't only include tuition; it also takes basic living expenses into account. Cost of Attendance is made up of two different types of costs: direct and indirect.

Direct costs are items that are billed by West-MEC, such as program tuition & fees and books & supplies.

Indirect costs will not appear on your bill but are estimated costs associated with going to school and should be included in your budget. These include items like living expenses, transportation, and personal expenses. These amounts are based on a periodic survey of current students.

2024-25 Direct Costs (amount paid to West-MEC)

Tuition & Fees:

Tuition: \$7.25 per clock hour (for programs starting 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024)

\$8.25 per clock hour (for programs starting on or after 1/1/2025)

Lab/supplies fees: varies by program

Admission fee: \$150 (for programs starting after 1/1/2024)

Administrative fee: \$100 (for programs starting after 1/1/2024)

Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment: varies by program

2024-25 Indirect Costs (estimated costs associated with going to school)

Living Expenses, including housing & food: calculated based on length of program.

Off-Campus: \$372/week

With Parent: \$85/week

Transportation: calculated based on length of program.

\$35/week

Personal expenses: calculated based on length of program.

\$47/week

Loan Fees: 1.057% of amount borrowed

October 2024 Dental Assisting | Evening | 780 clock hours | 58 weeks

Tuition & Fees ¹	\$8,737
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, and Equipment ²	\$275
CPR Certification	\$25
Program Costs ³ :	\$9,037
Living Expenses (Housing & Food)	Off Campus: \$21,576 With Parent: \$4,930
Supplies	\$70
Transportation	\$2,030
Personal Expenses	\$2,726
Total Cost of Attendance:	Off Campus: \$35,439 With Parent: \$18,793

¹ Includes Admission Fee, Tuition, Lab | Supplies Fee, Lab Fee, and Administrative Fee

² Does not include required scrubs

³ Does not include Application Fee, which is required to apply for a West-MEC Adult Education program

Note: Students with special or unusual circumstances or who have costs not included in the above budget, such as childcare or costs related to disability, can contact Adult Education to review their situation. A review of circumstances does not guarantee approval. The Dental Assisting program is not approved for federal student aid.

May 2025 Dental Assisting | Evening | 780 clock hours | 58 weeks

Tuition & Fees ¹	\$10,885
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, and Equipment ²	\$275
CPR Certification	\$25
Program Costs ³ :	\$11,185
Living Expenses (Housing & Food)	Off Campus: \$21,576 With Parent: \$4,930
Supplies	\$70
Transportation	\$2,030
Personal Expenses	\$2,726
Total Cost of Attendance:	Off Campus: \$37,587 With Parent: \$20,941

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