



## TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

- Solve medical mysteries by designing, conducting, and analyzing scientific experiments to prevent, diagnose, and treat disease.
- Experience hands-on activities in anatomy, cell biology, disease research, environmental science, and genetic engineering.
- Use cutting-edge technology to isolate, manipulate, and alter DNA in the creation of transformative organisms.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS\*

- Current Sophomore, Junior and Senior students may apply
- One credit of Algebra I with a C or better
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Biology I with a C or better, transcript due to West-MEC by June 15th
- One credit of Algebra II with a C or better or concurrently enrolled during the first year of the program
- One credit of Chemistry with a C or better or concurrently enrolled during the first year of the program
- Copy of unofficial transcript including second-semester schedule
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries due at time of enrollment
- 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 program requirements 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.
- Immunization 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, and 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 complete assignments and projects.
- Dress code is reviewed to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements are addressed prior to the start of classes.

Tuition

- If a student graduates or obtains a GED prior to program completion the student will be responsible for tuition.
- Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) recipients are responsible for tuition. West-MEC is an approved vendor.
- Student Tax Credit (STO)/Private School Scholarship recipients are responsible for tuition.
- Students who reside outside of West-MEC boundaries are responsible for tuition.
- Details regarding tuition costs are available at [Tuition Payment Agreement](#).

## INDUSTRY CREDENTIAL

*If eligible, students will have the opportunity to test for the following credentials.*

FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC; It is the responsibility of the student to maintain copies of all earned credentials.

- This industry credential is often required for employment. This industry credential is required for employment in the field a majority of the time
  - American Heart Association BLS CPR/AED
- This industry credential is often preferred for employment in the field. Candidates with this industry credential are likely to be given priority in hiring.
  - Biotechnician Assistant Credentialing Exam (BACE)
  - Occupational Safety & Health Administration-OSHA 10 Healthcare

Proof of Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency may be required for credential testing. Students with a documented disability may request credential testing accommodations through the individual testing entity.

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## CAREER PATHWAYS

- Biotechnician Assistant, Medical and Clinical Laboratory Technician Assistant\*, microbiologists\*, geneticists\*, biomedical engineers\*, medical investigators,\* pathologists\*, CTE teacher\*
- Students work with the same tools used by professionals in hospitals and labs.
- Entry level salary range: \$12.50 - \$18.73 per hour\*\*

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

## LOCATION & HOURS

### 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
- Strong understanding of the scientific process
- Strong hand-eye coordination with fine motor skills and stamina
- Comfortable performing animal dissections and handling bodily fluids
- Manual dexterity and physical ability to use tools, equipment, and machinery
- 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
- This program satisfies AZ university's admissions requirements. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)



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