

Veterinary Science



TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 900-hour program

- Work daily with certified professionals to manage an animal wellness clinic that provides training, enrichment, and socialization to adoptable animals.
- Deliver quality veterinary care by assisting with restraint, examinations, and preparation for x-rays and surgeries.
- Explore the science of veterinary medicine including nutrition, disease prevention, and anatomy and physiology.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomores, Junior and Senior students may apply
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Math with a C or better
- One credit of Lab 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.
- 100-hour externship required to sit for NAVTA exam**

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

**Externship is based on performance & not guaranteed.

Meeting program requirements does not guarantee enrollment.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance 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 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 preferred for employment in the field. Candidates with this industry credential are likely to be given priority in hiring.
 - National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) - Veterinary Assistant Certification
 - Occupational Safety & Health Administration-OSHA 10 General

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.

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Veterinary assistant, laboratory animal caretaker, veterinarian*, veterinary technician*, CTE teacher*
- Entry level salary range: \$14.32 - \$22.00 per hour**

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



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 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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LOCATION & HOURS

West-MEC Northeast Campus:

1617 W Williams Drive
Phoenix AZ 85027
623.435.4920

Monday - Friday

1st Year: 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM
2nd Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

West-MEC Northwest Campus

13201 W. Grand Avenue
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

West-MEC 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

–Summer hours may be required to complete the externship–

NOTE: West-MEC and high school calendars may not align & all transportation is 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
- Completed or enrolled in Biology preferred
- Comfortable performing animal dissections and handling bodily fluids
- Must be able to distinguish lower volume sounds
- Strong hand-eye coordination with fine motor skills and stamina
- 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
- Basic animal behavior understanding and comfort working with animals
- 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)
- 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 is available on our website:

- [Early College Pathways](#)



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