

Fire Science



ONE-YEAR PROGRAM - 200-Program Hours

In Partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges

- Experience the satisfaction of being a first responder, saving lives, fighting fires, and contributing to a safe community.
- Operate a wide range of firefighting and life-saving equipment alongside professional firefighters and EMTs.
- Develop your mind and body through rigorous mental and physical training.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomore and Junior students may apply (early graduates may not apply)
- Grade 10: Placement into college-level Reading by using **ONE** of the college placement tests below:
 - Accuplacer Next Gen Reading: 249 or higher
 - EdReady Critical Reading: 90 or higher
- Grade 11: All juniors with a GPA below 3.0 on an unweighted 4.0 scale must take one of the qualifying tests listed above or:
 - ACT Reading Score: 22 or higher OR SAT Reading Score: 510 or higher
- Click here for: [College Placement Exam Instructions](#)
- 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
- Student State-issued ID, driver's license, or driver's permit due at the time of college enrollment
- Parent Proof of citizenship & 1 year of Arizona residency due at enrollment (non-resident is responsible for the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition)
- Students must be able to meet the physical demands of the program
- **Students who are enrolled in a Fire Science with Dual Enrollment program at their High School may not apply**, as college credits will be duplicated. We advise the EMT program instead because firefighters must be EMT certified.

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

Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment.

The Accuplacer and EdReady test is available at no charge at:

- EMCC @ West-MEC Southwest Campus - 623.935.8445
- Estrella Mountain Community College - 623.935.8860
- Glendale Community College - 623.845.3000
- Paradise Valley Community College 602.787.7000

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For resources to help with Accuplacer or EdReady visit: estrellamountain.edu/students/testing-services or

<https://www.paradisevalley.edu/students/testing-services/course-placement-assessments>

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COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee (includes enrollment processing)
- It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to complete assignments and projects.
- College textbooks - \$125.00. Prices for textbooks are approximate and may change due to college requirements.
- Uniforms will consist of an approved T-shirt, short or long sleeve, uniform pants (black or navy blue), belt, and/or physical training (PT) clothing. PT clothing can be sweat pants or cotton shorts: Navy blue, black, or orange. Uniform T-shirts will be worn for classroom activities as well as PT. Optional approved sweat shirts may be purchased and worn during inclement weather. An option for this requirement will be a blank (no logo or writing) sweatshirt in the following colors: orange or black. A safety boot or shoe may be required based on the requirements of the approved training facility. Uniform examples and details will be provided at program orientation.

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 CREDENTIALS

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

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

- These industry credentials is often required for employment.
 - Wildland FireFighter
 - Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)
 - American Heart Association CPR | AED | First Aid

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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CAREER PATHWAYS

- A Program of Study in Emergency Response and Operations in partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges consists of Fire Science for one year and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) for one year. Successfully completing the West-MEC Fire Science and EMT courses and certifications enable students to meet the three (3) prerequisites needed for admission to the Glendale Community College Fire Department Operations course, widely known as the “Fire Academy.” The “Fire Academy” is specifically for students seeking a career in fire service.
- Firefighter, wild-land firefighter, member industry fire brigade
- Entry-level salary range: \$14.98 - \$21.75 per hour**
*with additional education in this pathway | **Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment & Wages

LOCATION & HOURS

Glendale Regional Public Safety Training Center

11550 W. Glendale Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85307

(M & W): 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

(T & Th): 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Students also attend classes at:

-West-MEC START Campus (CPR Certification)

5405 N 99th Avenue

Glendale, AZ 85305

NOTE: College and high school calendars do 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.
- 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 counselors for your school’s application deadline.
- West-MEC students served under an IEP/504 will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations through the Glendale Community College Disability Resource Office. Approved accommodations may differ from those provided in the high school. The Americans with Disabilities Act requires institutions of higher education to provide reasonable accommodations to those with documented disabilities, provided an undue hardship is not created. It is the student’s responsibility to inform the Disability Resource Services (DRS) Office directly of his or her need for accommodation(s), each time he or she registers for a new course. All accommodations and academic adjustments are course and semester specific and do not carry over from semester to semester or course to course.

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline (Strict post-secondary attendance guidelines will be followed.), and on track for graduation
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway
- Able to perform physical activity
- 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

*A 70% grade or better is required for each Fire Science course in order to obtain college credit.

**A 60% grade or better is required to obtain high school credit.

CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 2 elective credits (1 elective credit per semester), and on track for graduation
- This program satisfies AZ university’s admissions requirements. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)
- A student who withdraws from the West-MEC program may receive concurrent college credit based on the number of completed courses.

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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(480) 731-8499. For additional information, as well as a listing of all coordinators within the Maricopa College system, visit <http://www.maricopa.edu/non-discrimination>.

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