

Emergency Medical Technology (EMT)

West-MEC
2025-26



ONE-YEAR - 260-hour program

PARTNERSHIP WITH MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Deliver critical life-support care using a wide variety of medical and diagnostic equipment.
- Experience fast-paced emergency situations where your actions make a difference.
- Treat a wide range of patient conditions through a deep understanding of the human body.

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/Critical Thinking: 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 Score: 22 or higher OR SAT 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 Arizona residency due at time of college enrollment (non-resident is responsible for the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition)
- Transportation is not provided by West-MEC. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from the community college.
- Students must be able to meet the physical demands of the program.

The Accuplacer and EdReady tests are available at the MCCC college testing centers 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

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

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>

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 also be signed.
- Immunization may be required for employment in health care settings.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing and lab fees.
- Uniform shirts (\$10-\$15 each); a watch with seconds hand (\$20); uniform pants (\$40); black steel toe boots (\$40); a black leather belt (\$20) are purchased by the student. Prices are approximate and may change.
- Textbook may be required for this program. Approximate cost: \$150.00
- It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer (no iPad or tablet) and reliable internet outside of class to complete assignments and tests.
- Dress code is reviewed to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements are addressed before 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 CREDENTIALS

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.

- These industry credentials is often required for employment.
 - National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians
 - American Heart Association CPR/AED (Prepaid)
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field with employers who contract with FEMA for the deployment of special teams for disaster response or those wishing to pursue a degree as a paramedic or firefighter.
 - Federal Emergency Management Agency- National Incident Management 100, 200, 700, 800 (Prepaid)

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

- A Program of Study in Emergency Response and Operations in partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges consists of Fire Science for one year and by 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. Additionally, students who complete the West-Mec EMT program and CPR will fulfill several prerequisites needed for admission to the Glendale Community College Paramedic Program.
- Ambulance emergency medical technician, paramedic, EMT, firefighter*, emergency room technician*; knowledge obtained in this program is transferable to a broad spectrum of careers
- Entry level salary range: \$17.75 - \$22.55 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

**GateWay Community College
at Gateway CC Deer Valley Campus**
2931 W. Bell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85053
Monday - Thursday
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Paradise Valley Community College
18401 N. 32nd Street
Phoenix, AZ 85032
Monday - Thursday
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

NOTE: College & 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.
- The order for filling seats is by highest rubric, (Sophomores and Juniors) and then by grade level for Seniors.
 - Current Sophomores and Juniors
- 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 school counselors for earlier deadlines for submitting applications to high school
- West-MEC students served under an IEP/504 will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations through the GateWay 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

- **To maintain enrollment, students cannot miss any hours in EMC101, can miss no more than 2 hours in EMC102, and can miss no more than 8 hours in EMC104.** If students violate any of these attendance requirements, they will be dropped from the program. Make-up hours are not guaranteed, and **mandatory** attendance **for the first day of each course**, as well as all testing dates, exams, and clinicals.
- History of good attendance and discipline and being on track for graduation. A student will be dropped from the program after 10 hours of absences.
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway
- Completed or enrolled in Biology or Anatomy/Physiology preferred
- Rigorous physical requirements will include heavy lifting (50+ lbs); must be able to distinguish lower volume sounds
- The program requires strong time management skills and 8-12 hours of homework per week
- 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%	69%-65%	64% or below

*A 70% grade or better is required for each EMT course in order to obtain college credit and be eligible to progress to the next higher-level course.

**A 65% grade or better is required to obtain high school credit.

CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 2 elective credits
- This program satisfies AZ university admission 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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