

Cosmetology



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TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 1,500-hour program

- Express individual creativity by providing artistic hair, skin, and nail services using the latest technology, trends, and name-brand products
- Work alongside professional cosmetologists to evaluate, recommend, and perform beauty services to create unique client experiences
- Manage a fully-operational salon while exploring all aspects of quality beauty services

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomore, Junior, and Senior students may apply
- Per State Board of Barbering & Cosmetology, the following requirements are mandatory for acceptance:
 - Earned ten total high school credits
 - Must be 16 years of age by the first day of class: **July 28, 2025**
- West-MEC requirements are:
 - Two credits of English with a C or better
 - One credit of Math 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
- Transportation is not provided by West-MEC. Families are responsible for providing transportation to and from West-MEC.
- All required course hours must be completed within each quarter. Limited makeup hours are available
- Students will practice on both fellow students and adult clients, male and female, who schedule appointments at the salon.

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

Meeting program requirements does not guarantee enrollment.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon enrollment into the program:

- \$1450.00 registration fee (\$150 non-refundable) includes enrollment processing, student kit, textbooks, supplies, leadership development & uniform shirts. Other uniform/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student
 - Leadership development training is embedded through membership and participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization / Skills USA
 - \$1450.00 is non-refundable after day 1 of class.
 - A payment schedule will be provided at registration.
- The dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be 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 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.

- This industry credential is required for employment
 - Arizona Board of Barbering and Cosmetology License in Cosmetology
- This industry credential is preferred for employment in the field a majority of the time is sought after by employers, candidates with this industry credential are likely to be given priority in hiring over others who do not hold it.
 - Occupational Safety & Health Administration-OSHA 10 Healthcare
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field a majority of the time is acknowledged by employers, candidate with this industry credential will signal to employers knowledge in the area but may not get priority in hiring over someone with industry experience
 - Brazilian Blowout Certification
 - Barbicide Sanitation Certification

Proof of Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency and Social Security Number is required for credential testing and licensure. Students with a documented disability may request credential testing accommodations through the individual testing entity.

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Provide beauty services, such as cutting, coloring, and styling hair, massaging and treating scalp, provide nail and skincare services, salon owner*, salon manager* CTE teacher*
- Entry level salary range: \$14.22 - \$22.00 per hour**



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.

*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

Monday – Friday

First Day of Class July 28th, 2025

1st Year Students*

2nd Year Students**

Session 1: 6:30 AM – 9:30 AM

Session 1: 6:30 AM - 11:30 AM

Session 2: 12:30 PM – 3:30 PM

Session 2: 11:30 AM - 4:30 PM

***Summer Virtual Work-Based Learning Experience equaling 40 hours will be required between Year 1 & Year 2**

****570 hours required 1st year to continue into the second year of the program and students will remain in the same time session.**

NOTE: West-MEC & 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 counselors 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 that are aligned to industry certifications.

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance, discipline and on track for graduation (Students who do not complete 100% of the required hours and/or do not earn a grade of 80% or higher in each course may be withdrawn from the program.)
- Strong interest in a chosen career pathway
- Strong hand-eye coordination with fine motor skills and stamina
- Manual dexterity and physical ability to use instruments, equipment, and machinery
- Able to effectively communicate with clients to create a beauty regimen and treatment plan
- Ability to work professionally with other students and Instructors
- Ability to accurately follow procedures and complete course competencies meeting 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

*An 80% grade or better is required for each Cosmetology course in order to progress to the next higher level course.

**A 75% grade or better is required to obtain high school credit.

CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 12 elective credits (5 elective credits the first year and 7 elective credits the second year)
 - This program satisfies AZ university 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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