



COSMETOLOGY

TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 1,500-hour program IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

- Express individual creativity by providing artistic hair, skin, and nail services using the latest technology, trends, and name-brand products
- Professional Cosmetologists evaluate, recommend, and perform beauty services to create unique client experiences
- Learn about the various employment opportunities utilizing your cosmetology license within the beauty industry

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomore students may apply (early graduates may not 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 GateWay.
- 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:

- \$1850.00 registration fee (\$150 non-refundable) includes enrollment processing, student kit, textbooks, supplies, & uniform shirts).
 - \$1850.00 is non-refundable after the first day of class.
 - A payment schedule will be provided at registration.
- It is recommended that students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to complete assignments and projects.

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 REIMBURSED 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.
 - 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

Proof of Citizenship or Legal Permanent Residency Social Security Number may be required for credential testing. 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**

*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 Deer Valley*

2931 W. Bell Road
Phoenix, AZ 85053

Monday – Thursday

1st Year: 1:00 PM-6:00 PM

2nd Year: 7:00 AM-12:00 PM

MAKEUP TIME FOR EACH COURSE WILL BE SCHEDULED ON DESIGNATED DAYS PER QUARTER/COURSE (DATES DEFINED IN SYLLABUS)

*750 hours required 1st year to continue into the second year of the program

***This program has a maximum of 20 seats and priority allocation will be given to schools surrounding
Northeast Campus Boundaries.**

NOTE: West-MEC & 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 by grade level is as follows:
 - Current Sophomores
- 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 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

- 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
- Manual dexterity and physical ability to use tools, equipment, and machinery
- 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 (6 elective credits the first year and 6 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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