

Cosmetology



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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 the State Board of Barbering & Cosmetology, the following requirements are mandatory for acceptance:
 - Earned ten total high school credits
 - Two credits of English with a C or better
 - Must be 16 years of age by the first day of class: **July 27, 2026**
- West-MEC requirements are:
 - 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 college enrollment
- Student State issued ID, driver's license, or driver's permit due at the time of college enrollment
- Student 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 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).
Registration fees are non-refundable.
 - If you decline your seat **PRIOR** to the first day of class, \$1,700 may be refunded.
 - The \$1850.00 Registration Fee is non-refundable **after day 1 of class**.
 - A payment schedule will be provided at registration.
- Dress code is reviewed to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements are addressed prior to the start of classes.

Optional Costs:

- It is recommended students have access to a personal computer and reliable internet outside of class to occasionally complete assignments and projects.

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.
- Are a junior applicant who will become a senior in a two-year program
- Obtains a General Educational Development (GED) certificate while in a West-MEC Program
- Student is a Foreign Exchange student
- Students who reside outside of West-MEC boundaries are responsible for tuition.
- Will graduate from high school as a senior before completing their West-MEC program
- Details regarding tuition costs are available at [Tuition Fees](#).

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

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.



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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GATEWAY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
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CAREER PATHWAYS

- Provide beauty services, such as cutting, coloring, and styling hair, massaging and treating scalp, provide nail and skin care 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

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

NOTE: College & high school calendars do not align & all transportation is provided by the student/parent.

ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- Acceptance into West-MEC programs is 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 Only
- 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 the beginning of the second semester. Contact your school counselor for your school's Priority 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).

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 chosen career pathway.
- Ability to work well with others 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 a college reading level.
- Uniforms are reviewed to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements are addressed before the start of classes.
- 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
- 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 and 100% of the required hours for each Cosmetology course is required in order to progress to the next higher-level course.

**A 75% grade or better is required to obtain high school credit; however, students will not progress to the next level course.

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'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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