

Early Childhood Education

West-MEC
2027-28



GLENDALE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 615 Program Hours

In Partnership with Maricopa Community Colleges



EARLY CHILDHOOD
EDUCATION

- Evaluate developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate learning experiences that promote each child's growth and development in the following domains: Social-Emotional, Physical, Cognitive, and Language and Literacy.
- Identify the components necessary for a safe, caring, inclusive, and healthy learning environment according to best practices and local, state, and national standards.
- Work in support roles to serve children birth to age eight and their families in a variety of settings.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Sophomore students may apply (Junior, Senior, & early graduates may not apply)
- A Rubric Score of 42 or above (70 points possible). Rubric scores are calculated by the student's high school counselor.
- **10th Grade:** Unofficial transcript with an unweighted GPA of 2.0 or greater.
- **AND** submit **ONE** of the following test scores listed below:
 - Accuplacer Next Gen Reading: 249 or higher
 - EdReady Critical Reading & Thinking: 75 or higher
(A 75 Score is required for ALL **Homeschool** students)
 - ACT Aspire Score: "ready" or "exceeding" OR SAT Score: Composite 720 or higher
 - PSAT Composite Score: 720 or higher

[Click Here For College Placement Testing Guide](#)

- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Proof of residency in the 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 college enrollment
- Student Proof of citizenship & 1 year of Arizona residency due at college enrollment (non-resident is responsible for the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition)
- If you are a high school student from outside the U.S. and plan to attend a Maricopa Community College in Arizona, you must have an **ACTIVE** F-1 Student Visa. The U.S. government requires that foreign nationals who wish to study in the U.S. for academic credit — including associate degree programs — must have an F-1 (F student) visa. ([CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#))
- Students must be able to meet the physical demands of the program

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

Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment.

*Students who do not meet program requirements or have a rubric score of 41 or below will be placed on a Student Success Action Plan (SSAP). High School counselors will work with the student to develop an SSAP for consideration of acceptance at the end of semester two, based on program availability.

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

**Estrella Mountain Community College Testing Center - 623.935.8860

**Glendale Community College Testing Center - 623.845.3000

For resources to help with Accuplacer or EdReady, go to <https://www.gccaz.edu/academics/tutoring/additional-programs-resources/accuplacer>

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon enrollment into the program:

- \$150.00 non-refundable registration fee includes enrollment processing. Students are responsible for other uniforms and supply requirements. Registration fees are non-refundable.
- College textbook costs do not apply at this time.
- All students must have a cell phone to access and authenticate their college accounts for course content, assignments, and testing.

Optional Costs:

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

Tuition requirements apply to the following students. Details regarding tuition costs are available at [Tuition Fees](#) on the West-MEC website.

- Empowerment Scholarship Account (ESA) recipients. West-MEC is an approved vendor.
- Student Tax Credit (STO)/Private School Scholarship recipients.
- Junior applicants who will become a senior in a two-year program
- Will graduate from high school before completing their West-MEC program
- General Educational Development (GED) recipients
- Foreign Exchange students
- Residents outside of West-MEC boundaries



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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INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

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

TEST FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC. The student is responsible for maintaining copies of all earned credentials.

- Students are prepared to take these exams, and the industry credentials are often preferred for employment in the field. Candidates with these industry credentials are likely to be given priority in hiring.
 - CPR & First Aid Card
 - IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card (18 years of age & older)
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field and is acknowledged by employers. Candidates with this industry credential know the area, but may not get priority in hiring over someone with industry experience.
 - CCL 5054 and CCL 5056

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 driver's licence with a clean driving record, a current CPR & First Aid Card, IVP Fingerprint Clearance Card are prioritized by employers in hiring.

- Preschool Teacher, Childcare Provider, Early Childhood Program Aide, Instructional Aide, Pre-K Programs, Parent Educator, Youth Development Program Coordinator, CTE teacher*
- Entry-level hourly pay range: \$18.08-\$22.54**

*with additional education in this pathway | **Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment & Wages

LOCATION & HOURS

Glendale Community College Main Campus

6000 W. Olive Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85302

Monday – Thursday

1st Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

2nd Year: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM

NOTE: College and high school calendars do not align & transportation 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.
- 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.
- The West-MEC priority application submission date is at the beginning of the second semester. Contact your school counselors 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 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).

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation.
- 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.
- Supporting the developmental needs of children with patience and empathy
- Ability to stand for long periods. Able to lift 50+ lbs.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills with a diverse population
- Strong observation and interpersonal skills

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 course to obtain college credit.

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

CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 5 High School Elective Credits (2.5 credits per year)
- This program satisfies AZ State 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 applicable to your program, check out our website:

- [Early College Pathways](#)



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