Cosmetology

West-MEC
2027-28

TWO-YEAR PROGRAM - 1,500-hour program

COSMETOLOGY

•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
- West-MEC requirements are:
  - Two credits of English with a C or better
  - One credit of Math with a C or better
  - A Rubric Score of 42 or above (70 points possible). Rubric scores are calculated by the student's high school counselor.
- 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.

*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.

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, CTSO Membership, & uniform shirts. Other uniforms/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student. Registration fees are non-refundable.
  - If you decline your seat **PRIOR** to the first day of class, $1,300 may be refunded.
  - The $1450.00 Registration Fee is non-refundable **after day 1 of class**.
  - A payment schedule will be provided at registration.
  - CTSO Leadership development training is embedded through membership and participation in the Career and Technical Student Organization / Skills USA

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

INDUSTRY CREDENTIALS

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

Social Security Number & Proof of Citizenship, or Legal Permanent Residency, is required for credential testing.

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

Students with a documented disability may request credential testing accommodations through the individual testing entity.

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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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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

LOCATION & HOURS

West-MEC Northwest Campus
13201 W. Grand Avenue
Surprise, AZ 85374
Monday – Friday
First Day of Class August 02, 2027

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 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
  - 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 the beginning of the second semester. 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
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway.
- History of good attendance and discipline, and on track for graduation.
- 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

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 High School 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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