Cosmetology

West-MEC 2027-28

GATEWAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
A MARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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

COSMETOLOGY

•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 (Juniors, Seniors, and early graduates may not 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 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)
- 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)
- 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.

*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:

- $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.
- 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

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 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

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

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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 are 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 obtain college credit and be eligible to progress to the next 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 (6 credits per 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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