ORIENTATION *West-MEC OMARICOPA COMMUNITY COLLEGES

FIRE SCIENCE 1 year program





SCHEDULE

First day of class: Public Safety Building 1st floor Room 151

Monday, August 21, 2023 (M/W Section) Tuesday, August 22, 2023 (T/TH Section)

1:30-4:30 PM

*Students are dropped if not present on first day of class and at the correct session.



COURSES BY SEMESTER

Fall '22

- FSC 106 Intro Fire Protection
- FSC 113 Intro Fire Suppression

Spring '23

- CPR/AED First Aid course/certification
- FSC 110 Wildland Firefighter
- FSC 101 Intro Fire Selection
- FSC 130 Fitness for Firefighters/CPAT
- Students enrolled in the Fire Science program must attend class during the dates required. GCC schedule does match high school schedules (Fall and Spring Break).



COLLEGE REGISTRATION

Parents received individual emails/phone calls re incomplete registration with Glendale Community College

ALL students are registered with West-MEC

ALL students MUST also be registered with GCC by 1st day of school Parents/Students MUST contact GCC to finalize registration:

623-845-3264



ATTENDANCE

Attendance is mandatory each day in class

Students may not miss more than 2 class sessions per course

Any absence in excess of 8 hours (including tardies) may be a reason for dismissal

Excessive tardies (at least 10 minutes late four or more times)

Breaks given as required



ATTENDANCE



Attendance is a valued employability skill.

For this reason, both excused and unexcused absences count towards student attendance totals as outlined in college policy.

Notify College Instructor of absence via Canvas AND Call West-MEC within 24 hours of any absence: (623) 738-0058



LOCATION

Fall classes @ GCC Main Campus 6000 W. Olive Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85302

CPR class (Spring Sem.) @ West-MEC START Campus 5405 N. 99th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85305

Fitness for Firefighters (CPAT) class has 4 meetings @ Glendale Regional Training Center <u>11550 W. Glendale Avenue, Glendale, AZ 85307</u>

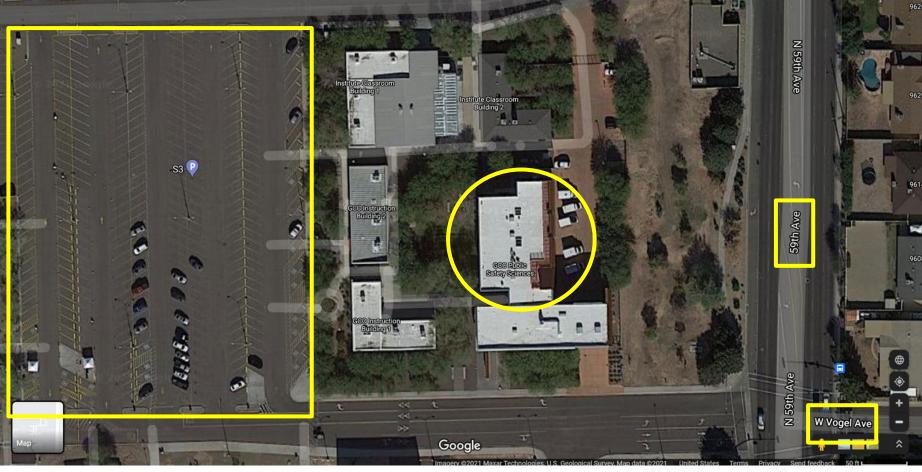


LOCATION





LOCATION (59th Ave. & Vogel)







LOCATION (West-MEC START Campus)





LOCATION (Glendale Regional Training Center)



TUITION – PLEASE NOTE

West-MEC pays the GCC college tuition for in-state students, but the tuition amount will remain on the individual student's account until fiscal processes are complete between West-MEC and GCC offices.

A tuition bill may appear on the student's GCC account and student center, along with email notification from the college for tuition due.

PLEASE IGNORE THESE MESSAGES AND BALANCE IF THEY APPEAR IN THE STUDENT ACCOUNT AT ANYTIME DURING THE FALL AND SPRING SEMESTER.

All student accounts for the West-MEC Fire Science cohort are coded as third party billing, and the student/parent is **not** responsible for the tuition.





DRESS CODE

Students should carry high school and community college ID

Dress code will include approved shirt and workout pants/shorts.

Additional shirts are available for purchase through GCC.

No hats

Athletic shoes



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Anyone attending campus in person will be required to:

- Display college ID badge or have a photo ID available
- Maintain physical distance where possible
- Notify their instructor or campus contact if they are not feeling well, and stay home
- Routinely monitor their health
- Not touch their nose or mouth, and if they do, wash their hands and use hand sanitizer right away

GRADES

GRADING SCALE	
Α	90%-100%
В	80%-89%
C*	70%-79%
D**	60%-69%

*A 70% grade or better is required in each Fire Science course in order to obtain college credit.

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

Credits issued by West-MEC | 2 High School Elective Credit

Credits issued from GCC | 14 Community College Credits



GRADES

- College Transcript:
 - Students earn letter grades/credits in each college course
- High School Transcript:
 - Students earn one (1) letter grade/one (1) credits reflecting the average of the two (2) college course grades.

Spring:

- College Transcript:
 - Students earn letter grades/credits in each college course
- High School Transcript:
 - Students earn one (1) letter grade and one (1) credit; West-MEC averages and weighs the grades earned in three (3) college courses and in CPR course.



WITHDRAWALS

Withdrawals from a course will be reflected as follows:

- High School transcript grade will show as "W" for withdrawn
- College transcript will show as letter grade based on student performance at the time of the withdrawal.



TECHNOLOGY

Success in the program depends upon the student having access a reliable personal computer and internet outside of class to complete assignments and tests.

If you are in need of a device, please contact WastC speranta.klees@westhec.org

Limited availability of loaner devices Student and parent check out in person from WestEC District Office or Campus



WHAT TO KNOW - TRANSFER

The A.A.S., Fire Service at GCC will transfer into the following programs:

<u>NAU</u>

Bachelor Interdisciplinary Studies of Emergency Management

<u>ASU</u>

Bachelor of Applied Science, Crisis Management



POST-SECONDARY PATHWAYS

Students earn 14 college credits in Fire Science

Students may check their grades through Canvas

College credits transfer seamlessly into AA and Bachelor degrees. Students currently in the 11th grade are invited to apply for the West-MEC EMT Program in October 2022 to advance in this pathway and earn another 16 credits





Fire Science students are encouraged to participate/compete in SkillsUSA at their home High School.

Contact your school's SkillsUSA advisor and consider competing in a Fire Science event.





EMT Students are encouraged to apply for NTHS. 3.0 min. GPA at High School B or Higher in EMT CTSO, Volunteer, or Leader of Organization Outstanding Conduct Applications and documentation: March, Induction Ceremony

Stoles are worn at Recognition Ceremony

CONDUCT

Comply with all directives regarding health protocols

High expectations for professional conduct

Careful with behavior in the parking lot

Maturity level on par with industry

Cell phone usage based on campus policy

Conduct concerns will be communicated to students directly by GCC

College discipline guidelines apply if student fails to comply with the rules and regulations



BULLYING

It is the right of every student to be educated in a positive, safe, caring and respectful learning environment.

A school environment inclusive of these traits maximizes student achievement, fosters student personal growth, and helps students build a sense of community that promotes positive participation.

Bullying, harassment or intimidation will **NOT** be tolerated at West-MEC.



SPECIAL SERVICES

Students with an IEP or a 504 Accommodation Plan and/or health conditions are expected to self-advocate

Students must seek the Community College Disability Coordinator for intake and an individualized plan.



FEES & TEXTBOOKS

West-MEC Registration Fee - \$125.00 VS. \$1,468 MCCD Tuition

Reminder- disregard any emails from the college re tuition

Students purchase books through the Community College Bookstore before first day of class.

Visit the West-MEC website for Grant applications: College Textbooks and Bus Pass <u>https://www.west-</u> <u>mec.edu/Page/154</u>



TEXTBOOK



ISBN: 9781284144017

To locate on the J&B website:

<u>https://www.psglearning.com/catalog/productdetails/</u>
9781284144017





CPR I AED I First Aid

Wildland Firefighter

Candidate Physical Ability Test (CPAT)



COMMUNICATION

When notified by instructors or GCC program director, West-MEC staff will communicate concerns regarding grades, attendance, or behavior to parents, high school counselor, or administrator.

Students and parents, please set up phone to accept calls & voicemail and check messages daily. Call back promptly. Check email and respond professionally.

If you have questions, you may contact West-MEC Student Services

Speranta.klees@west-mec.org 623-738-0018



QUESTIONS?

Chief Sean Stumbaugh, GCC Fire Program Director (623) 845-3448 <u>sean.stumbaugh@gccaz.edu</u>

Speranta Klees, Post-Secondary Partnerships Manager (623) 738-0018 <u>speranta.klees@west-mec.edu</u>



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