The Cost of Attendance is an estimate of a student's average educational expenses for the period of enrollment. The Cost of Attendance doesn't only include tuition; it also takes basic living expenses into account. Cost of Attendance is made up of two different types of costs: direct and indirect.

Direct costs are items that are billed by West-MEC, such as program tuition & fees and books & supplies.

Indirect costs will not appear on your bill but are estimated costs associated with going to school and should be included in your budget. These include items like living expenses, transportation, and personal expenses. These amounts are based on a periodic survey of current students.

2024-25 Direct Costs (amount paid to West-MEC)
Tuition & Fees:
      Tuition: $7.25 per clock hour (for programs starting 1/1/2024 through 12/31/2024)
          $8.25 per clock hour (for programs starting on or after 1/1/2025)
      Lab/supplies fees: varies by program
      Admission fee: $150 (for programs starting after 1/1/2024)
      Administrative fee: $100 (for programs starting after 1/1/2024)
Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment: varies by program

2024-25 Indirect Costs (estimated costs associated with going to school)
Living Expenses, including housing & food: calculated based on length of program.
      Off-Campus: $372/week
      With Parent: $85/week
Transportation: calculated based on length of program.
      $35/week
Personal expenses: calculated based on length of program.
      $47/week
Loan Fees: 1.057% of amount borrowed

April 2025 IT Security | Afternoon | 600 clock hours | 40 weeks

Tuition & Fees[1]	$7,000
Program Costs[2]:	$7,000
Living Expenses (Housing & Food)	Off Campus: $14,880 With Parent: $3,400
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, and Equipment	$40
Transportation	$1,400
Personal Expenses	$1,880
Total Cost of Attendance:	Off Campus: $25,200 With Parent: $13,720

[1] *Includes Admission Fee, Tuition, Lab | Supplies Fee, and Administrative Fee*
[2] *Does not include Application Fee, which is required to apply for a West-MEC Adult Education program*

Note: Students with special or unusual circumstances or who have costs not included in the above budget, such as childcare or costs related to disability, can contact Adult Education to review their situation. A review of circumstances does not guarantee approval and may not result in a change to financial aid eligibility.

January, February 2025 IT Security | Evening | 600 clock hours | 54 weeks

Tuition & Fees[1]	$7,000
Program Costs[2]:	$7,000
Living Expenses (Housing & Food)	Off Campus: $20,088 With Parent: $4,590
Books, Course Materials, Supplies, and Equipment	$40
Transportation	$1,890
Personal Expenses	$2,538
Total Cost of Attendance:	Off Campus: $31,556 With Parent: $16,058

[1] *Includes Admission Fee, Tuition, Lab | Supplies Fee, and Administrative Fee*
[2] *Does not include Application Fee, which is required to apply for a West-MEC Adult Education program*

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