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## West-MEC announces new Nursing Services Program

(Feb 9, 2021) Western Maricopa Education Center (West-MEC) - a public career technical education district - is excited to announce its new Nursing Services Program for the fall of the 2021-22 school year.

The Nursing Services one-year program prepares students with the necessary clinical and administrative knowledge to become entry-level nursing assistants. Students will receive hands-on training and learn how to properly administer basic nursing care, understand bodily systems and vital signs, practice client-centered care and critical thinking, work on patient advocacy, teamwork and professionalism, practice patient hygiene care, collect basic specimens and maintain patient records and proper ethics.

Students will be eligible for a much-needed career path, as well as the professional and personal skills necessary to traverse a career in healthcare at any level. Many program completers will have the chance to work while attending school or other training.

"The healthcare industry is rapidly evolving. After completing our rigorous and authentic program, graduates will have the knowledge and skills necessary for diverse healthcare pathways. Our program bolsters the career progression outlook for west valley learners, our future healthcare leaders," said instructor and program coordinator Tamara Greaball.

Furthermore, Nursing Services is just one of many programs West-MEC is preparing local students for fulfilling careers, healthcare and otherwise.

"We are so proud to offer yet another opportunity for our students to pursue a career they are passionate about. West-MEC is committed to offering a great education with our fine instructors and our partnerships with business and industry," said Superintendent Greg Donovan.

## **About West-MEC:**

West-MEC is a career technical education public school district that focuses solely on innovative career and technical education (CTE) programs that prepare students to enter the workforce and pursue continuing education. West-MEC CTE programs provide students opportunities to earn college credit and industry credentials. West-MEC serves more than 37,000 students from 48 high schools, across 3,600 square miles in the northern and western cities of the Phoenix Metropolitan area. West-MEC now also offers adult education programs. Visit <a href="https://www.west-mec.edu">www.west-mec.edu</a> for more information about West-MEC's career-driven education opportunities or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.