



ONE-YEAR PROGRAM - 720 hour program

Provide Daily Care and Enrichment to Adoptable Domestic Animals | Assist Veterinarian with Exams | Prepare Vaccinations | Obtain Animal Vitals | Monitor Nutrition | Complete Diagnostic Laboratory Procedures | Assist in Surgery

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS*

- Current Junior and Senior students may apply
- One credit of English with a C or better
- One credit of Algebra I or higher with a C or better
- One credit of a Lab Science with a C or better
- Copy of unofficial transcript
- Proof of residency in West-MEC district boundaries
- 100 hour externship required to sit for NAVTA exam

*Program requirements are subject to change per industry age restrictions, certification requirements and administrative discretion.

Meeting application criteria does not guarantee enrollment.

COST REQUIREMENTS

Upon acceptance into the program:

- \$125.00 registration fee (includes enrollment processing, supplies and leadership development)
- West-MEC provides two uniform shirts. (Other uniform/supply requirements are the responsibility of the student.)
- Dress code is reviewed annually to meet professional industry standards. Dress code requirements will be addressed at registration and orientation.
- After Early Graduation, Graduation, or GED completion, additional program fees will apply.

INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

TESTS SCHEDULED & FEES PREPAID BY WEST-MEC

- 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
 - National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA) Veterinary Assistant Certification
- This industry credential is relevant for employment in the field a majority of the time. It is acknowledged by employers, candidates with this industry credential will signal to employers knowledge in the area but may not get priority in hiring over someone with industry experience
 - Occupational Safety & Health Administration-OSHA 10

CAREER PATHWAYS

- Veterinary assistant, laboratory animal caretaker
- Entry level salary range: \$12.00 - \$17.87 per hour*

*Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Employment & Wages

LOCATION & HOURS

West-MEC Northeast Campus:

1617 W Williams Drive
Phoenix AZ 85027
623.435.4920

Monday - Friday

One year program: 7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Summer hours may be required to complete externship

(Transportation provided by the student/parent)

NOTE: West-MEC & high school calendars may not align



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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ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

- West-MEC programs are competitive.
- The order for filling seats by grade level is as follows:
 - Current juniors
 - Current seniors*
- Applications are ranked in part by attendance, GPA, discipline and career choice (ECAP) - (see a sample rubric at <https://west-mec.edu>)
- Copy of birth certificate and immunizations due at time of registration
- Program hours are not excused for participation in extracurricular activities, athletics, or employment.
- West-MEC priority application submission date is in February.
- Contact school counselors for earlier deadlines for submitting applications to high school
- West-MEC provides accommodations and modifications identified in the IEP/504 for students who are concurrently enrolled in high school. Students who graduate from high school or have a GED will not be eligible for IEP serves. The student will need to self-advocate for reasonable accommodations which are aligned to industry certifications.
- *Details regarding additional program costs are available at <https://west-mec.edu>

STUDENT SUCCESS INDICATORS

- History of good attendance and discipline
- Strong interest in chosen career pathway
- Completed or enrolled in Biology preferred
- Comfortable performing animal dissections and handling bodily fluids
- Must be able to distinguish lower volume sounds
- Strong hand-eye coordination with fine motor skills and stamina
- Manual dexterity and physical ability to use tools, equipment, and machinery
- Ability to get along with other students and cooperate with instructor
- Ability to work accurately/follow procedures to an industry standard
- Basic animal behavior understanding and comfort working with animals
- 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 |

CREDITS ISSUED BY WEST-MEC

- High School - 5.5 elective credits (elective credits awarded: 1.25 @ Quarter 1; 1.5 @ Semester 1; 2.75 @ Semester 2)
- High school credits are awarded each semester
- This program satisfies AZ university admissions requirement. (AZ Board of Regents CTE/Fine Arts credit)

Post-Secondary Opportunities (Optional)

- West-MEC has a strong partnership with Maricopa Colleges and we strive to provide robust post-secondary opportunities for students.
- Dual Enrollment is for eligible High School students who want to earn college credits while taking West-MEC courses.
- Students can earn community college credit for classes, and upon graduation, transfer the credits towards specific degrees at community college or university.
- High school graduates or students with a GED are not eligible to participate in Dual Enrollment.
- Due to staffing and curriculum changes, we advise the following:
 - Dual Enrollment is offered based on West-MEC faculty qualifications.
 - Dual Enrollment may not be offered in every program or on every campus.
 - Dual Enrollment credit offerings and college pathways are finalized every year during the first month of school.
- Post-secondary pathways, including Dual Enrollment, are updated on west-mec.edu/dual-enrollment

Students may not be enrolled in two or more West-MEC Central Programs at the same time.

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